

# 'All-American Conference' Welds Eighty Millions Into United Front to Destroy Communism in United States

**Legion Lauded for Historic Action; Permanent Body Unanimously Voted**

By JACK LITTLE

Hailed as comparable in historic importance to the Boston Tea Party, the 'All-American Conference' sponsored by The American Legion has succeeded in welding together national organizations representing more than 80 million American citizens into a united front to wage a fight to the finish against communism.

More than 150 delegates from 66 major patriotic, religious, civic, fraternal, labor, business, professional, philanthropic and social organizations throughout the nation accepted the invitation of National Commander George N. Craig to assemble at the Hotel Astor in New York City in a joint endeavor to effect coordinated action to stamp out America's growing menace.

For two days over the memorable week-end of January 28 and 29, they sat attentively as distinguished authorities told of the evil machinations of world communism and how it threatens today . . . unless checked . . . to destroy the American way of life.

## Purpose of Meeting

In calling the session to order, Commander Craig said the aim of the conference was:

1. To form a united front against communism.
2. To devise ways and means of strengthening government agencies in the restraint and abolition of communist activities.
3. To try to find some medium to coordinate activities of all these organizations.

The delegates heard Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, former Ambassador to Russia and presently commanding general of the First Army, declare that there is "profound and conclusive evidence" that Moscow has established a fifth column in the United States to overthrow this government.

The assembly heard U. S. Senator Karl E. Mundt of South Dakota, who before his election to the Senate was chairman of the subcommittee of the House Un-American Activities Committee which handled the investigation leading to the recent conviction of Alger Hiss, warn that Russia has a stockpile of atom bombs that "could knock out the United States in 90 seconds by simultaneous attacks on 25 or 30 major cities."

The delegates listened to the words of Columnist George Sokolsky: "Communism seeks to break up our people into small groups, thus weakening us and making us ineffective. The real problem

is to understand the enemy, to realize that communism is neither a political nor an economic system, but a tyrannical philosophy that wholly dominates the lives of those who accept it. Only in united effort can we defeat this common enemy."

They heard State Senator Jack B. Tenney of California say: "We've got to stop quibbling over a lot of little things if we're going to do the big job . . . defeat communism." And James B. Carey, national vice president of the Congress

## CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

The All-American Conference adopted the following resolution which was drafted by a committee of seven delegates:

"We, the officially-designated representatives of 66 major national patriotic, religious, labor, business, civic, service, professional, educational, fraternal, veteran, women and social organizations, representing the overwhelming majority of the American people, assembled in the first All-American Conference in New York City, January 28 and 29, 1950, under sponsorship of The American Legion to form a united front against a common enemy—World Communism.

We assembled to free America. We have the right, and to assert it, to hold our own and perchance differing views and opinions on problems involving economic, educational, political, religious and social issues. But here in New York, as free Americans all, we find ourselves in complete accord and agreement that:

1.—World Communism is the greatest present threat to domestic security and peace on earth and that its No. 1 targets are God and our American way of life in the United States, the last great stronghold of undiluted human freedom.

2.—The steady infiltration of Communism in our schools and colleges, into our press, radio and screen, into our labor and business and into our government itself, has reached a stage where it constitutes an immediate, serious and growing menace to the very existence of the America that we know and love.

3.—Communism, as practiced in the United States, is not an economic or political philosophy, but it is in fact a deliberate revolutionary conspiracy, inspired, directed and financed by an alien power. It seeks to accomplish the overthrow of our constitutional form of government through force and violence. It seeks to achieve its unholy end through deceit and lies, to divide our people through vicious propaganda, to set class against class, race against race and creed against creed. It denies the existence of God, seeks to extirpate all forms of religion and aims to set up the Police State as the supreme authority.

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the chairman of this All-American Conference, George N. Craig, national commander of The American Legion, be and hereby is directed to designate a committee representative of a cross-section of the organizations in attendance at this conference to formulate plans to stimulate and coordinate the efforts of the organizations here represented and of others of like mind, to encourage and enlist active public interest in combating the infiltration, influence and activities of the Communists and of all other subversive elements; and to act as a clearing house and information center through which the various organizations may be informed and advised of the activities and experiences of other organizations, all upon the understanding that such committee shall recognize the full independence of the various organizations and shall not attempt to control or supervise them.

"AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that another meeting of the All-American Conference shall be called by the commander of The American Legion within 90 days to establish a permanent pro-American, anti-Communism, unified and cohesive organization."

of Industrial Organizations (CIO), and Lewis G. Hines, legislative representative of the American Federation of Labor, admonish that "we must war against ignorance if we are to win our fight against our greatest peril."

They bowed reverently as Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen and Rev. Daniel A. Poling admonished that victory for all-American principles can be achieved only through faith in God.

Other inspiring messages were delivered by Frank H. Gordon, chief assistant prosecutor in the New York trials resulting in the conviction of 11 communist leaders, and Dr. Francis L. Bacon, professor of education at University of California at Los Angeles.

Sunday afternoon, January 29, these representatives who had come from almost every section of the country to join in a common cause fired another "shot heard round the world." Without a single negative vote or any controversial discussion, the conference unanimously approved a declaration of all-out war against communism . . . a resolution for immediate formation of a permanent organization and the calling of another 'All-American Conference' within 90 days.

## Committee Appointed

Commander Craig promptly appointed a committee of 17 delegates representing a cross section of the meeting, to form a continuing organization and to fix the time and place of a second conference. Harry Read, of Washington, D. C., administrative assistant of the CIO, who had functioned ably as chairman of the resolution committee, was appointed chairman of the over-all committee. Its members are:

Dr. Francis L. Bacon, Westwood, Calif., UCLA College of Education.  
Paul Wamsley, Buffalo, N. Y., National Education Association.  
Hon. Jack B. Tenney, Los Angeles, Calif., California State Senator.  
Alexander T. Wells, New York City, past president Lions International.  
Hon. Karl E. Mundt, U. S. Senator from South Dakota.  
Miss Olive H. Huston, New York City, executive director National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.  
Mrs. Marie L. Sheehan, Rockford, Ill., national president The American Legion Auxiliary.  
Mrs. J. L. Blair Buck, Washington, D. C., president General Federation of Women's Clubs.  
Rabbi Benjamin Schultz, New York City, executive director American Jewish League Against Communism Inc.  
Lewis G. Hines, American Federation of Labor.  
Rev. Daniel A. Poling, New York City, editor The Christian Herald.  
Rev. John F. Cronin, Washington, D. C., assistant director Department of Social Action, National Catholic Welfare Conference.  
Dr. Louis H. Bauer, Hempstead, N. Y., chairman of the board of directors of the American Medical Association.  
Jackson D. Holtz, Boston, Mass., B'nai B'rith.

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# Commander Craig Presents Broad Veterans Program To House Committee; Opposes Veteran Section of Hoover Report

By MILES KENNEDY  
Director, National Legislative Commission

National Commander George N. Craig appeared before the House Committee on Veterans Affairs on January 17, at which time he highlighted to the Committee the provisions of the Hoover Report adversely affecting the Veterans Administration and the veterans' program. He emphasized that The American Legion stood for real economy in the government's discharge of the nation's obligations to its 19,000,000 veterans. He also pointed out our organization has always abhorred waste in government effort and we recognize that improvements can be achieved in the operations of the present VA. But it is believed very strongly that such improvements in services and savings in costs can be best made within the existing framework of the VA.

In addition to expressing deep concern over the proposed dismemberment of the VA as contained in Reports 2, 9, 14 and 16 of the Hoover Commission, Commander Craig advised the Committee of other important matters concerning veterans and their dependents, and submitted the following program for their earnest and favorable consideration:

1. Modify requirements for award of additional disability compensation for dependents in cases of veterans suffering from service connected disabilities of 10% or more in degree.
2. Provide for temporary total rating for disability pension purposes. The purpose of this proposal is to provide a modest monthly award to the totally disabled veteran whose disabilities are not considered permanent but are of sufficient duration to remove him as a breadwinner for himself and family.
3. Provide for award of death pensions to widows and children of WW2 veterans on the same basis as has been provided in WW1 cases.
4. Revise the rates of death compensation and disability and death pension to effect equitable adjustments.
5. Adjust annual income limitations of veterans, widows, and children for pension purposes, and provide comparable statutory income limitations for death compensation award to dependent parents; and to provide certain exemptions in determining annual income.
6. Adjust the U. S. Government Life Insurance accounts of certain veterans disabled as result of WW1 service.
7. Remove the requirement of showing dependency on the part of parents in gratuitous National Service Life Insurance.
8. Restore insurability of the service connected disabled WW2 veterans.
9. Assure the right of review under Section 802 of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 as amended when officer is released from active military or naval service with disability and not necessarily for disability.

## Displaced Persons

On January 25 the Senate Judiciary Committee reported to the Senate S. Rep. 1237 on H. R. 4567, a bill to amend the Displaced Persons Act of 1948.

On January 26 Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee were given authority to file minority views on H. R. 4567. The bill, as approved by the committee, would permit 320,000 displaced persons to come into this country by June 30, 1951, instead of the present quota of 205,000. (Res. 554 Philadelphia, 1949, demands our government heads adhere

strictly to the existing laws and quotas allowing immigration into the U. S., and particularly to the laws now in force applying to displaced persons \*\*\* and that we take steps to curtail as far as possible any further immigration to this country at the present time.)

## Immigration and Naturalization

On January 24 the House Rules Committee reported a rule for the consideration of H. R. 6616, a bill to provide for the expeditious naturalization of former citizens of the United States who have lost United States citizenship through voting in a political election or in a plebiscite held in Italy. This bill passed the House by a voice vote on February 2.

## Hospital Beds for Veterans

It cannot be stressed too often that Section 191 of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 authorizes and directs the Administrator of Veterans Affairs and the Federal Board of Hospitalization to go ahead with the construction of additional beds. All factors pertaining thereto were gone into thoroughly by the medical and construction people of the VA and other groups. The program was endorsed and funds were either appropriated or contract authorizations provided to move ahead. Then in the fall of 1949 someone, presumably the VA, is reported to have announced that the VA would be unable to staff and run more than 120,000 beds. The enlarged program, if and when completed, would have resulted in a total of 145,000 beds, or an additional number of 45,000 over and above the number to be produced by the 10-year program for veterans of WW1 and prior wars. A representative of the Bureau of the

Budget at hearings before the subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare in March, 1949 testified that the number of veterans awaiting hospital admission was gradually going down and that upon the basis of the number recorded for December 1948, viz., 14,080, and the downward curve up to that point, the Bureau of the Budget decided to recommend to the President the curtailment of the construction program. This was announced by the President in his budget message on January 10, 1949. The number of beds to be cut back was 16,100.

I would like to point out now, as our representatives did before the Senate subcommittee hearings last March, that there is a definite upswing of sick and disabled veterans awaiting hospital care — veterans who are unable to pay for private hospitalization and in fact are unable to get this treatment in any other way. As of November 30, 1948 there were 20,319 veterans certified as eligible for hospitalization and waiting to be admitted. In addition thereto there were 7,913 applications pending in which the eligibility had not as yet been determined. Moreover, according to surveys and information received from our colleagues in the field, there are an additional several thousand whose applications have been withdrawn or have never been filed because of the limited number of beds and the delay in getting into VA hospitals.

The situation is becoming acute. The American Legion has advocated and will continue to advocate and help in any way it can to see that a reasonable number of additional beds are brought forth from some source and made available to the VA. Right now we are engaged in getting data as to Army and Navy hospitals of permanent construction located at points where they can be staffed and which may not be needed by the Department of Defense under its new program. The Legion certainly favors the utilization of these institutions where need is established and where professional and other personnel can be procured.

## Federal Board of Hospitalization

This matter has been presented to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs and he has commented that the present arrangement of passing upon hospital construction and hospital bed needs is satisfactory. However, The American Legion submits that the reinstatement of this Federal Board would serve the principle of economy and coordination in the location and building of Federal hospitals. To be effective the Board should be cloaked with authority to weigh the hospital bed needs of the VA and other Federal agencies.

The full text of Commander Craig's  
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## LEGION CALLS FOR MILITARY TRAINING TO REPLACE DRAFT

Conforming to the mandate of the Philadelphia National Convention, The American Legion urged a permanent compulsory military training program to replace the present draft law. The Legion's position was outlined to the House Armed Services Committee by Legislative Director Miles D. Kennedy on January 30th, when the President's request for a three-year extension of the draft law was under consideration.

Kennedy said that the Legion had supported past peacetime draft laws "as a temporary expedient," but "the value of Selective Service as a deterrent to enemy aggression has long since passed."

"The potential strength of the American nation can best be organized through national security training," he added.

## CHILD WELFARE CONCLAVES AT DALLAS AND HARTFORD

Two Area Child Welfare conferences are scheduled for March—at Dallas, Texas, on March 3 and 4 and at Hartford, Connecticut, March 10 and 11.

The Dallas conference, at which Charles M. Mitchell of Monroe, Louisiana, Area "C" Child Welfare Chairman, will preside, will study child welfare problems of 12 southern states and the Department of Panama. All sessions will be held at the Baker hotel in Dallas.

Child welfare leaders from the six New England states will attend the Area "A" conference at Hartford, Connecticut. Henry W. Kamens, Terryville, Connecticut, is the Area "A" Child Welfare chairman and will preside at Hartford, where the Bond Hotel has been selected to house the meeting.

## ALL AMERICA CONFERENCE

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Donald Marcellus, Washington, D. C., Manager Northeastern division, Chamber of Commerce of the United States.  
A representative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will be named.

### 86 Organizations Represented

Advertising Council  
Aitmas International  
American Bar Association  
American Council of Christian Churches  
American Heritage Foundation  
American Federation of Labor  
American Hungarian Federation  
American Jewish Committee  
American Jewish League Against Communism  
American Legion Auxiliary  
American Medical Association  
AMVETS  
American China Policy Association  
American Social Hygiene Association  
American Association of University Women  
American Federation of Sorority Clubs  
American War Mothers  
Archbishop A. Stepien Club  
Association of American Physicians and Surgeons  
Association of Motion Picture Production  
B'nai B'rith  
Brooklyn Diocesan Council of Catholic Women  
Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers  
Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen  
Catholic War Veterans  
Committee to Defend America by Aiding  
Anti-Communist China  
C. I. O.  
Common Cause  
Daughters of American Revolution  
Disabled American Veterans  
Fraternal Order of Eagles  
FPO Elks  
Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America  
Freedom Foundation  
General Federation of Women's Clubs  
Improved Order of Red Men  
Interfraternity Research and Advisory Council  
Jewish War Veterans  
Kiwanis International  
Knights of Columbus  
International Association of Lions Clubs  
Masons  
Military Order of Purple Heart  
Knights of Pythias  
Modern Woodmen of America  
Loyal Order of Moose  
Mothers of World War II  
National Association of Broadcasters  
National Association of Evangelicals  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Catholic Welfare Conference  
National Education Association  
National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs  
National Industrial Conference Board  
National Interfraternity Conference  
National Panhellenic Conference  
National Sojourners, Inc.  
Odd Fellows  
Patriotic Citizens' Association  
Sons of the Revolution  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Spiritual Mobilization  
The American Legion  
U. S. Chamber of Commerce  
United Spanish War Veterans  
Veterans of Foreign Wars

## Public Participation Program Launched By Legion To Fight Communist, Fascist Threat

Alarmed at the infiltration of communists and fascists into key spots in government and in civil life, The American Legion has embarked upon the most vigorous educational campaign this country has ever seen to awaken the American people to the real dangers that face us. The Legion seeks to tell the story of the insidious and destructive forces that are gnawing away at the pillars of our country and its institutions.

These un-American forces must be stopped now—stopped before it is too late.

The Legion has stepped into the breach. It has thrown the full strength of its 4,000,000 Legionnaires and Auxiliaries into the fight. With the blessing and co-operation of many other truly American organizations the campaign of education and information will be carried into every section of the country.

It is already, perhaps, later than we think. But not too late to tell the story and the glory of the American way of life to combat communism and fascism.

*...to crush forever these false ideologies.*  
The radio will be used, reaching into nearly every home with our message that will lay bare once and for all the facts of American Democracy vs. communism. Every channel of public information will be employed to drive home the dangers of the subversive forces working against our freedom-loving country. Full page messages in newspapers and magazines, in labor and industrial publications, in college and high school newspapers will be used. This

plan of education on democracy has been well and carefully prepared, and the messages will be ready for nearly every person in America.

### How Can I Help?

The tremendous campaign will cost a lot of money—as it necessarily must to be nationally effective. The Legion believes that patriotic Americans who are already alert to the threatening influences, Legionnaires and non-Legionnaires alike, want to have a part in such a public service. To that end the Legion has set up a Public Participation Program, to which funds in any amount—"Dollars for Democracy"—may be contributed. Every penny sent in to this fund by individuals, Posts or business organizations will be expended directly on the educational campaign.

Early in February National Commander George N. Craig sent out some thousands of letters announcing the launching of the Public Participation Program. In the letters he stressed the fact that the campaign must be financed with the dollars that red-blooded Americans provide.

Contributions are to be sent to The American Legion, Freedom Fund, P. O. Box 1056, Indianapolis 6, Indiana.

"There has never been a program like this before in the history of the United States," said Commander Craig. "It is a shame that there has to be one at all. But let's do it before it is too late! This is your stake in America's future. There can be no turning back."

## HOUSE LEADER SAYS SPLIT OF VA WILL ADD TO COSTS

In a strong statement opposing the proposals of the Hoover Report to dismember the Veterans Administration and scatter its present functions over five or more bureaus, Hon. John W. McCormack, (Mass.), Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, said that the net result of such a movement would be that "veterans rights would be trimmed, but government costs would not."

The Majority Leader pointed out that such an enactment would wreck the principle of unified service, and that in addition to being uneconomic from the standpoint of expenditures, it would work to the disadvantage of the veterans.

Mr. McCormack's statement is as follows:

"Real economy requires the minimum outlay of time, labor and money. That combination spells efficiency in government operations as in business affairs.

"Government red tape and needless expense flourish on delay and confusion caused by inefficient operations.

"The purpose for which the Hoover Commission was created was to reduce the costs of government by a stream-

lined reorganization of the Executive branches so as to secure efficiency. Some branches of government needed such reorganization.

### No Division of Authority

"In its recommendation on veteran affairs, the Hoover Commission failed to recognize that the Veterans Administration was already set up on the one basis on which veteran affairs could be handled with the greatest dispatch and the least cost. The lesson of the past is most emphatic that there must be no division of authority in the vast operation of administering the affairs of 19,000,000 veterans. Yet the Commission proposes such a division of authority. It is uneconomic because divided authority means divided responsibility. Divided responsibility means no responsibility.

"If the Hoover proposal to split up the Veterans Administration into five separate federal agencies should be adopted, it would wreck the principle of unified service and of single responsibility in the handling of veteran affairs. It would require more time, more labor and more money to administer the affairs of veterans. The net result would be that veteran rights would be trimmed but government costs would not."

# Craig Reveals Hoover Commission Ignored Vital Veterans Problems

**Pork-Barrel Politicos Boost the Report—But Its Proposals Are Old Stuff and Wasteful, Commander Tells Rehab Men**

By ROBERT B. PITKIN

George N. Craig, National Commander of The American Legion, revealed to more than 300 Legion service workers on February 6 that the Task Forces of the Hoover Commission which have recommended breaking up the function of the Veterans Administration among five different government agencies apparently made no study of the history of veterans affairs, or the reasons why the Veterans Administration came into existence.

Craig said ex-President Hoover's record of public service is second to none in the land but that the report which bears his name was actually prepared by many groups of aides. The parts of the report affecting the Veterans Administration, he said, were made by men with little experience in veterans affairs without consulting leading experts.

Speaking at the Hotel Statler in Washington, D. C., at the opening of the 27th Legion National Rehabilitation Conference, Commander Craig said the Hoover Task Forces failed to learn anything from the thirty-year record of The American Legion in Rehabilitation. That was because the Hoover Commission declined four different invitations to hear testimony from the Legion or examine Legion records, he said.

## Ignored House Committee

The Commander added that the Hoover Task Forces never consulted with the House of Representatives Committee on Veterans Affairs either. Congressman John Rankin of Mississippi, Chairman of the House Committee, and Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers of (Mass.), member and former Chairman of the Committee, concurred in Commander Craig's charge.

Craig said the Hoover report's recommendation that veterans affairs be decentralized would be a throwback to an old and wasteful system which did not work. He told the Conference that President Hoover ordered the organization of the Veterans Administration in 1929 because the system now recommended by the ex-President's advisors then existed and was wasteful, inefficient and subject to political meddling. Craig pointed out that the VA has been remarkably free of partisan politics.

The National Commander flatly labeled present efforts to steamroller the Hoover report through Congress in one nineteen-volume piece as an attempt to make a grand political coup out of the sincere desire of Americans for more efficiency in government. Speaking only of the Hoover report as it affects veterans, Craig told the Conference that there was no hope of economy in the

Hoover recommendations regarding the VA. Americans could only expect more and more waste and inefficiency, since five bureaus would handle what one bureau handles now. The way to the kind of saving the people want, he said, is to continue improving VA efficiency, not pile fresh bureaus and fresh duplication of veterans records on the taxpayers.

Craig specifically charged that many who urge the passage of the entire Hoover report in one lump are paid propaganda agents of private groups, and that one hidden motive behind the proposed VA split-up is the desire to use veterans benefits for political patronage and to create more government jobs in the five-fold bureaus that would take over VA's work.

Craig openly assailed a nationwide organization known as the Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report. Though many of the Citizens Committee supporters are sincere and simply believe what they are told, it is significant that the Citizens Committee has employed smear propaganda against veterans, has paid agents to secure the publication of falsehoods and inflammatory half-truths about veterans and veterans affairs.

Most shocking of all, Craig said, the Citizens Committee has asked the public to endorse the entire Hoover report without reading it or knowing its contents.

"The people of the United States don't buy 'pigs in a poke'," Craig told the Conference. He added: "The attempt to break up the VA is an attempt at more pork barrelling, the creation of new Federal jobs. That is the last thing the nation needs at this hour!"

## NEW HIGH RECORD SET IN 1950 ORATORICAL CONTEST

A record-breaking enrollment and participation in the popular National High School Oratorical Contest is being accomplished for 1950. Forty-seven Departments have advised W. C. "Tom" Sawyer, Director of the National Americanism Commission, that they will enter Department winners in the national regional contests which will open on April 10. The elimination contests will progress through sectional meets to the grand finale in the national finals at Phoenix, Arizona, on April 17.

Certification of Department winners must be made to the National Americanism Commission not later than April 1. Scholarship awards in the amount of \$8,000 will be granted to the four finalists, first, \$4,000; second, \$2,500; third, \$1,000, and fourth, \$500.

## TOPEKA MEET DRAFTS LAW TO CURB SEX CRIMINALS

A study of state laws on sex crimes and the development of a model bill on the handling of sex criminals was recommended by the 12-state Area "D" Child Welfare conference of The American Legion and its affiliated organizations at Topeka, Kansas, January 13-14.

A special committee, which included among others Governor Frank Carlson of Kansas and Governor Val Peterson of Nebraska, both Legionnaires, studied the problem of the apparently increasing number of major sex crimes involving young children.

The committee found that 14 States had adopted special legislation for handling sexual deviates but that most state laws were completely inadequate.

Better supervision of places where men, women and children gather, such as playgrounds, public parks, transportation terminals and drive-ins, was urged.

"Although there are specific steps which can be taken in legislation and law enforcement," the committee reported, "the problem of preventing sex crimes is a part of the over-all problem of human behavior and as such must be met on an educational basis."

Special committees at each of The American Legion's Area Child conferences are being called by National Child Welfare Chairman Dr. A. H. Wittmann of Philadelphia. The findings and recommendations of the different committees, representing all parts of the country, will be referred to the Executive Section of the National Child Welfare Commission at its meeting in Indianapolis March 30 to April 1, according to Dr. Wittmann.

"It is our hope that The American Legion can provide some guidance and national leadership in meeting this complex problem," Dr. Wittmann said.

## JUNIOR BASEBALL PLAYERS HONORED BY HALL OF FAME

The 1950 American Legion Junior Baseball Handbook, now being distributed by the Americanism Division at National Headquarters, Indianapolis, has brought new honors to top flight graduates of the great Legion baseball competition.

The back cover of the Handbook carries the pictures of the seven most outstanding American Legion Junior Baseball graduates in the major leagues in 1949. They are: Ted Williams, Stan Musial, Pee Wee Reese, Bob Dillinger, Mel Parnell, Virgil Trucks and Ralph Kiner. This array caught the interest of the National Hall of Fame and Museum at Cooperstown, New York, and an enlargement was requested by Vice President Paul Kerr.

The picture will remain on display throughout 1950 along with the American Legion plaque and picture of Shertstop Ray Herrera, of the Oakland, California, National Championship team, who was named the "American Legion Junior Baseball player of the year."



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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: February 10, 1950

TO : Mr. Glavin

FROM : L. R. Pennington

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION - SUBVERSIVE CONFERENCE

With reference to our [redacted] ion  
at - I called Karl Baarslag of  
the American Legion and informed [redacted] that I was very much surprised that  
Larry Ernest Kerley was billed as speaker at Portland. He said he  
was rather amazed as Kerley had been recommended to him by a former  
Bureau Agent [redacted]. He stated that Kerley has been slated  
to speak at the four conferences throughout the United States and  
starts here in Washington tomorrow. He said if it is humanly possible  
he will dispense with his services before the other three conferences in  
other parts of the United States are held.

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DIRECTOR'S REACTION: "I am amazed at the Legion taking up with such an individual  
without first checking here since he was a former agt. We  
must be most circumspect in all dealings with the Legion  
if this is an indication of their attitude. H."

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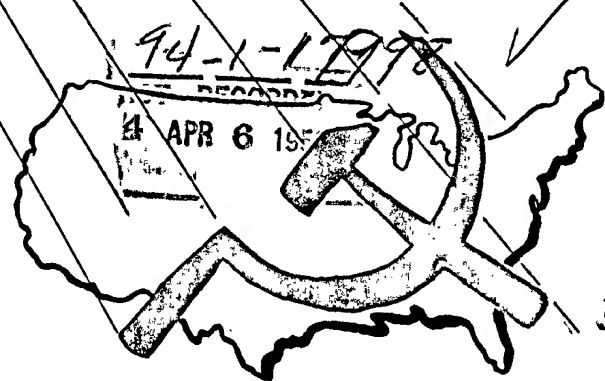
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## THE SPOTLIGHT

ADLER-DRAPER LIBEL SUIT. The \$200,000 libel suit, brought by harmonica virtuoso LARRY ADLER and tap terpsichorean PAUL DRAPER against a Greenwich, Connecticut, housewife, Mrs. Hester T. McCullough, will be tried before Federal Judge Carrol C. Hincks in New Haven on April 11th. There will be a pre-trial hearing March 24th in the same court. The original suit attached all of Mrs. McCullough's property, including even her checking account, under an archaic and little known Connecticut law. This has caused the Greenwich housewife months of trouble, harassment and mental distress to say nothing of expensive legal defense. ADLER and DRAPER finally withdrew these writs of attachment on February 5th, after this notorious case had aroused nationwide interest and indignation.

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION. One of the most incredible and shameful angles of the whole subversive problem in this country is the little known story of how many of the big foundations, set up by millionaires for educational and public welfare purposes, have been cleverly tapped by adroit communists for hefty hunks of money for strictly party line purposes and objectives. Such contributions probably were not made by the trustees of these foundations with an exact knowledge of what would ultimately be done with the money they were handing out, although some cynics believe otherwise. Wittingly or unwittingly, whether for reasons of carelessness or through sheer stupidity, the fact still remains that a number (not just a few) of our largest foundations have indirectly made large cash contributions to definite communist undertakings, or helped support and employ communists through three, or sometimes even four intermediaries who served solely to remove all traces and taints of communism from the ultimate benefactors.

Both Counterattack and Alert, indispensable weekly newsletters exposing communist activities which every Legion Post and anti-communist should subscribe to, have recently devoted considerable space to exposing certain foundations which in past years have financially aided communists or communist undertakings. The National Americanism Commission has been privileged to examine an exhaustive study, prepared by a competent investigative agency, of this utterly intolerable situation.

For example, the Rockefeller Foundation, while it was still headed up by RAYMOND B. FOSDICK, a fuzzy-minded gulliberal, admitted to Counterattack that it had in fact given a "grant" of \$110,000 to what appeared to be a purely self-appointed committee under the chairmanship of Professor ROBERT E. CUSHMAN of Cornell University. The self-appointed task of this self-appointed committee was to prepare a "study" on "Civil liberties and the control of subversive activities." It need hardly be pointed out that all such enterprises are always on a high and lofty plane of high-minded devotion for, and deepest concern over, the Bill of Rights and sacred American liberties. It seems that the Bill of Rights is always in direst danger from sinister but unnamed evil men. Honest American educators are hard put to explain why our American school system apparently turns out so many dangerous enemies of our American system or why "malefactors of great wealth" and others who have reaped enormous profits out of American free enterprise should want to spend so much of their time and money to destroying the Bill of Rights and basic guarantees of their own freedom and right to acquire property. This is a pretty fair propaganda line but like all bum checks and counterfeit money it can't stand too close a scrutiny or examination.

The giveaway "gimmick" in the Rockefeller-Cornell deal was twofold. One, was the list of names of the high-minded individuals connected with the committee conducting the "study." The name of WALTER F. GELLHORN, of Columbia University, was enough to give the whole show away. A documented

list of all of Gellhorn's undeviating and consistent support of C.P. line causes and crusades would take up several pages of this Summary. Secondly, and please don't snicker, this Rockefeller financed committee is going to examine, with greatest objectivity, the whole crucial problem posed by the obvious necessity of strengthening our national security against espionage, sabotage, and subversion on one hand, and protecting our basic civil rights and liberties on the other. The fact that several of the members of this self-appointed private committee have records of at least sympathetic support of communist front organizations and, that not one could boast of any security, intelligence, or counter-espionage experience reduces this whole enterprise to an impudent farce. The picture of a purely private and apparently self-appointed committee investigating official committees of Congress and state legislatures with Rockefeller dollars would normally be too funny for words. As it is, such consummate gall and effrontery, in the face of widespread Soviet espionage, subversion, and other barefaced communist shenanigans in this time of world crisis and wholesale treason from within, can hardly be laughed off as amusing. The commies are reported to be eagerly awaiting the formal report of this Rockefeller financed "investigating committee to investigate Un-American Activities investigating committees." They must have advance knowledge that new and heavy ammunition is being readied for their propaganda Big Berthas. Otherwise, they would hardly be so eagerly awaiting the "study."

As Alert so succinctly put it: "Communists have spent literally millions of dollars and the best efforts of their efficient and fanatical propaganda machine to smear, discredit, ruin, and destroy any well-informed critics and foes of communism." Discrediting and silencing the House Un-American Activities Committee and the California Legislature's Joint-Fact Finding Committee are naturally the two top priority objectives of the



communist conspiracy. They have subpoena and certain punitive powers and their findings and reports are libel free and privileged. In the titanic world struggle between human freedom and Soviet slavery, the final outcome will be determined by America. What America does in the next two or three critical years will be determined by the thinking of a majority of our informed and interested citizenry. To befuddle, confuse, divide, paralyze, and set American thinking at cross purposes on the whole question of world communism and what American quislings are really up to, is the first strategical objective of the secret enemy within. Shutting off, or at least discrediting, such authentic sources of information as there may be on the nature and activities of the communist conspiracy is a logical, likewise a corollary, task or utmost importance to the Kremlinites and their dupes in this country.

JUST A REMINDER. A great part of the success of communist propaganda is based by them on the sound assumption that people easily forget and quickly forgive. Two years ago Congress cited the following ten tongue-tied witnesses for contempt. Two of them have been convicted but are still out of jail on appeal:

ALBERT MALTZ

DALTON TRUMBO

SAMUEL ORNITZ

ROBERT ADRIAN SCOTT

LESTER COLE

JOHN HOWARD LAWSON

EDWARD DMYTRYK

ALVAH BESSIE

RING LARDNER, JR.

HERBERT BIBERMAN

Most of them, as this Summary reported previously, are reputedly still working in Hollywood, either under new pseudonyms or selling their work through dummies or stooges. Dmytryk, however, went to England and made two movies under his right name and without any camouflage. Both pictures are presently showing in this country. They are, "The Hidden Room", and "Give Us This Day". The latter is the movieized version of "Christ in Concrete." Eagle-Lion are

the American distributors. Exhibitors and distributors are not in business to combat communism or to bar commies and quislings as "entertainers" from taking money out of your pockets. They are interested only in box office receipts. A few letters to exhibitors and distributors, each costing you three cents postage, and a few minutes for a telephone call, pointing out that YOU the movie-goer, make or break the box office, can prove highly effective. Even Ford Motor Company was badly surprised over the spontaneous protests that poured in over DRAPER'S appearance on one of their recent Sunday night television shows.

SEEDS OF TREASON. This book written by Victor Laskey of the N.Y. World-Telegram and Ralph de Toledano of Newsweek tells the whole sensational story of the Hiss-Chambers case. It will be one of the literary sensations of the year. It will be published within sixty days by Funk and Wagnalls of New York. Advance orders are heavy. Better order it now at your book dealer. Read it! Plug it! Quote from it!

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#### REFUSAL OF UNDESIRABLE MAIL

The Americanism Division during the past year has received an increasing number of complaints from Legionnaires that local and college libraries, and others are receiving unsolicited publications through the United States mails which they consider subversive or at least undesirable. Many complainants state that they have written to the publishers asking to have their names removed from their mailing lists without avail. As the Summary has pointed out previously, these libraries and private citizens have had their subscriptions to such party line publications as IN FACT, SOVIET RUSSIA TODAY and others paid for by anonymous local communists or camp followers. There is a quick, easy redress available to squelch this nuisance racket. No letter writing, no fuss, no bother.

Postal Laws and Regulations do not require anyone to receive any kind of mail whatsoever. Section 806 provides that the recipient of any undesired mail matter need merely write the single word "Refused" near the address and hand it back to his letter carrier. The Postal authorities then dispose of the unwanted mail either by destruction if return postage is not guaranteed or return it to the publisher or mailer at his expense with the advice that the mail matter in question has been refused by the addressee. No one today wants his name on the mailing lists of subversive, crackpot anti-Semitic, communist front, or other dubious and disloyal outfits. Postal laws protect you against that annoyance. All Legion publications are invited to reprint this item.

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#### THE WORLD COMMUNIST FRONT

In the August, 1948 Summary, on page 4, the following prediction can be found:

"With world attention and hopes for peace focused on Berlin and the Balkans, the recent important developments in the Far East have been blurred or minimized. It is now quite apparent that the Politburo has signalled some razzle-dazzle aerial passing to its scattered backfield in Malaya, Indonesia, and Burma. With American boys and families in beleaguered Berlin, American interest and concern over Stalin's squeeze play there is naturally understandable. The strategic importance, economic and militarily, of South-east Asia to American security in the Pacific is harder to perceive and understand. Siam, Burma, Malaya, Indo-China, and Indonesia are either independent or politically tied to Great Britain, France, or the Netherlands. There is not a single U.S. soldier in the whole vast area.

"Much of American industrial potential, however, depends on the ores, oils, rubber, and other raw products produced there. Recent uprisings, violence, firing of plantations, and installations have been openly communist-inspired. The prime minister of Burma has announced that he will lead his newly formed nation into the Soviet system of satellites. The creation of a Far Eastern bloc of Soviet satellites .... would completely outflank our position in the Philippines and western Pacific. It would extinguish the French, British, and Dutch colonial empires in that part of the world and bring Australia within easy bombing range of Soviet-trained Indonesian fliers."

Subsequent developments in the last eighteen months have certainly vindicated this prediction. Even the "foreign experts" are now breathlessly informing Americans, when it is too late, just what Stailin is up to in Southeast Asia. This naturally arouses the logical suspicion that those who advocate "stopping or containing communism" at some designated point, which later proves to have been indefensible or too late and hence doomed in advance to certain and ignominious defeat, may possibly not have been making errors in judgment so much as organizing for catastrophe. Particularly so, when a second and third disastrous defeat is suffered at some other pre-selected point at which Stalin's aggrandizement is to be stopped. In this country these "mistakes" are called errors of judgment. In the Soviet Union, a land of practical and realistic politics, it is simply called sabotage and high treason and the penalty is a bullet in the base of the skull.

A tremendous xenophobia, or at least bitter hatred of all whites, is sweeping Southeast Asia, one of the world's strategic areas. Whether this is part of a nationalistic liberation movement, one of the residues of Japan's defeat and humiliation of white races in 1941, or whether it is largely part of Soviet revolutionary subversion, is hard to determine but, the fact remains that white prestige in the Far East is at a low ebb. The calculated humiliation of American consular officials by Chinese red bandits is all part of the grand overall strategy of driving Westerners out of the Orient.

The Russians were smart enough not to use white agitators or even advisors. Years ago communist recruiters rounded up native malcontents and radicals and shipped them to Russia for training. These natives were given years of highly specialized training in special schools for subversion and revolution. The cost to the Soviets was infinitesimal but has paid off fabulous dividends in whole countries rich in natural resources ready to

drop into the red net. The negligible price of feeding, harboring, and teaching a few thousand Asiatic natives will soon pay off in one of the richest areas of the whole globe. These Soviet agents now have been infiltrated into every country in Southeast Asia by every possible means including the use of Soviet subs.

The tremendous advantage of Russia's central position, controlling the Eurasian land mass from the Elbe and Baltic to the Pacific plus Marxist-Leninist strategy of always pressing the offensive and never permitting the enemy time to gather his forces together to make a stand, is now starting to pay off. In the titanic global war, being waged by every means short of military, Stalin's high command have now apparently decided that the time is ripe to pick up Southeast Asia at practically no cost or risk to the Soviet Union. The whole Soviet timetable is obviously being speeded up. Some experts in Washington, with excellent intelligence connections, feel that the blow may even come this year. Few are inclined to place the "day" more than two years away.

Stalin's recognition of a Moscow-trained bandit leader, Ho Chi Minh, as the real government of Viet Nam, serves a double purpose. It converts Indo-China into another Greece and confronts France and Great Britain, and to a certain extent the United States, with precisely the same problem posed by Greece. What Greece meant to the Dardenelles, Suez, and East Mediterranean, Indo-China means to Burma and the rice bowl of East Asia, Malaya, the Straits of Malacca and the Philippines. It should not be forgotten that the Japs mounted their invasion of Malaya, the Philippines and Dutch East Indies from Indo-China. Besides being rich in tin, manganese, tungsten, rubber, and other strategic materials, Indo-China, together with Burma, forms the rice bowl of Southeast Asia's hungry and teeming millions. Control of the food supply of this area would give the Communists a

paralyzing grip on the throat of much of the Far East. That is why this Summary pointed out eighteen months ago the importance of this area and that Russia would soon start moving into it. The Russians understand geopolitics and geography and are not adverse to poring over a map. Most Americans dislike maps and geography and consider the word geopolitics as something wacky devised by some crazy German. And if any American is so naive as to believe or hope that Mao Tze Tung and the Chinese communists will now have their hands too full "consolidating their position and solving the vast problems of prostrate China" to plan further military and political conquests, or will be content to stop at the old frontier of China -- a rude disillusionment will not be long in coming.

Red China long ago announced that it considered Tibet part of China and that this remote and little known land would also be "liberated." Who cares about Tibet? Or some wit might even ask, "Is there really such a country?"

Besides being the gateway to India, Tibet is the spiritual homeland and home of Asia's several hundred million Buddhists. Buddhism is the predominant or largest minority religion in most of East Asia from Japan to India. The Dalai Lama, an eighteen year old boy, who sits in Lhasa, is the living reincarnation of Gautama, founder of the Buddhist faith, one of the oldest religions in the world. Control of the Dalai Lama and his religious capital -- the Chinese reds already have captured the Panchen Lama -- would give the Asiatic communists a tremendous hold on the Buddhist masses of all of the Far East. Watch for Tibet to go next. Chinese reds are mobilizing invasion forces in Sinkiang and the Dalai Lama has appealed to the western world to save his country from being overrun by the Red Horde. The Panchen Lama, a prisoner at Tsinghai, promptly replied by memorializing Red Commander-in-Chief Chu Teh as follows:



"Representing the Tibetan people, we hereby appeal to you for a speedy expedition to liberate Tibet, to exterminate reactionary elements, to expel the imperialist influences from Tibet, to consolidate national defenses in the Southwest, and to deliver the Tibetan people from foreign yokes."

As it has a complete set of plans for harnessing the Buddhists to its imperialist chariot, so has the general staff of the world revolution in Moscow another carefully prepared set of plans for the Moslems. Islam is the predominant faith throughout Central Asia, from the Near East to remote Moslem Sinkiang in China. Politburo members seldom travel far from Moscow except on top priority matters. Both Beria and Kaganovitch recently visited Taskkent, capital of the Uzbek S.S.R. They did not go for reasons of health or as sightseers. The Moslem Uzbeks are being groomed to be shown off to their nearby non-Soviet cousins as a "model state." Other neighboring Moslems closely tied to the Uzbeks, by a common religion and similar language, will then be invited to "liberate" themselves, after the fashion of China, by overthrowing and exterminating their "reactionary and feudalistic rulers who are mere lackeys to Anglo-American imperialism."

Sulzberger of the N.Y. Times recently wrote:

"The Moslem republics of Soviet Central Asia are being developed into centers for potential imperialism. As Moscow's dynamism concentrates increasingly upon the Orient, its little known satrap states of the Kirghiz, Tadzhik, Kazakh, Turkmen, and Uzbek peoples are being groomed to aid future expansion."

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#### SHIFT IN U.S. POLICY?

The U.S. News, which is widely read by businessmen and hence extremely influential, has in the past several weeks printed several disturbing "tips" of changes in U.S. policy with respect to world communism. The January 27 issue for example stated:

"There is a fundamental shift going on in U.S. policy, a shift that is to be felt at home and by nations abroad. Truman doctrine is dead, discarded. Stopping communism now is to be selective. Bad commies will be contained, if possible, good commies accepted."

U.S. News then goes on to admit that the new doctrine is Acheson doctrine and that there are really two kinds of commies now, good boys and bad boys. The bad commies are the Russian imperialists expanding and plotting to take over the world. They must be opposed but, the Acheson doctrine does not say how. Good commies are those who refuse to knuckle under to Russia and we will favor and encourage them — at least with dollars.

All communists, "good" and "bad" as well as all former communists and those who really know and understand communism will get a good belly laugh out of this one. The only way to oppose dynamic, ever-advancing world revolutionary communism is not by setting up an effective counter offensive of greater dynamic moral fervor, employing to the limit every weapon of political warfare and enlisting and mobilizing every resource of the West, but by supinely retreating and hoping for the best, ie., that the "good commies" will somehow manage to trip up and overthrow the Colossus for us without getting a dainty finger involved. Nice hop dream if you go in for that sort of thing. Particularly significant and worth re-reading is U.S. News' Newsgram on page 5 of the February 10 issue.

Secretary Acheson has expressed concern over the fate of some three thousand Americans still in Red China. Acheson admitted to a Senate Foreign Relations sub-committee that Chinese commies had set up a practice of compelling each American, desiring to leave China, to post extortionate cash bonds and to leave behind some responsible representative who would meet all financial obligations and also answer any subsequent criminal charges the Chinese reds might levy against the departing American. Many Americans attempting to flee Red China have found themselves faced with phony espionage

charges and other high crimes, as well as fantastic bills for severance pay, "back wages" and "damages" from former houseboys and servants. This is the old Chinese "squeeze" now adopted by the state and made into a money-collecting racket by the Chinese Reds, as well as a propaganda weapon which demonstrates to all Orientals the impotence and cowardice of Americans — foreign devils with an atom bomb whom any coolie can kick in the pants as they did with Vice Consul Olive at Shanghai and other Americans.

In Budapest Robert Vogeler, American businessman, is sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment which is practically equivalent to death when served under Soviet conditions. The Vogeler "show trial" closely followed the routine of all of the so-called Moscow confession-trials — the victim is held incommunicado for several months of softening up and proper "conditioning". He is denied outside legal aid or even advisors of his own choosing. He is denied spiritual consolation or religious administration. He is brought into court only briefly to make his self-incriminating and debasing confession. If he does not confess, he is convicted on the "confessions" of others. No American or western reporters are allowed to speak with him for even a moment. A handful of carefully selected foreign newsmen, most of them pinkos or in debt for favors, or anxious to stay in the country and make good, are admitted to the alleged "trial." The Soviets, as far back as 1931, had the temerity to place their first alleged British "spy" on trial, but since the end of the last war and the rise of the satellite Iron Curtain countries this is the first time an American has been brought to trial for espionage. The inference is quite plain — test Uncle Sam and see how much he will take. The old doctrine of extraterritoriality, of setting up American consular courts and insisting on American trials in those countries whose own legal processes were so backward, corrupt or barbaric as to make law a farce, might very well be re-invoked in future treaties with all communist countries as a price of recognition. It

must be crystal clear to everyone except fools and pinkos that Americans venturing into or caught inside of soviet satellites by force of circumstance do so at the risk of their lives. And further, that communist concepts of "class justice" and western legal procedure and rights of the accused are more than mere worlds apart.

The scheduled "invasion" of west Berlin by some 500,000 youthful communists from the soviet zone of Germany on May 28 seems to have been called off by Mr. Eisler or whoever cooked up this bright idea. East Berlin communist police had been advised that they would have to take over the whole city to prevent violence and bloodshed. That would have meant disarming and demobilizing the west Berlin police of the Allied zones. The youth magazine of the German commies, Young World, boasted that west Berlin would be "taken by storm." When American authorities bluntly warned that American troops would maintain order if the German police were unable to do so, the Russians apparently got cold feet and called off the manifestation. The blunt language of force is one language they seem to understand and heed.

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#### ON THE HOME FRONT

Even the judges are getting wise to communist legal trickery. Despite the fact that several American jurists of late have still made some rather curious decisions favoring or coddling the commies, several higher courts at least have made it plain that communist buncombe, hypocrisy, and working the Bill of Rights for all it is worth has started to wear thin. U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Jerome N. Frank demonstrated by his pointed questions and observations that he has a good grasp of commy courtroom sabotage and legal shenanigans. The five lawyers who defended the eleven top quislings at the recent N.Y. trials of C.P. leaders and Eugene Dennis, who had acted as his own

counsel, appealed Judge Medina's contempt sentences to the higher U. S. court. They advanced the usual specious and tedious commy arguments to explain away nine months of stalling, contempt, harassment, and other courtroom capers which Judge Medina bore so patiently. Three U.S. Judges heard the appeals for two days and then reserved decision until May 2nd or one day after the deadline for the filing of briefs in behalf of the convicted eleven American Politburo members. Judge Medina sentenced all six to various jail terms as follows:

HARRY SACHER	six months
RICHARD GLADSTEIN	" "
EUGENE DENNIS	" "
GEORGE W. CROCKETT, JR.	four "
ABRAHAM ISSERMAN	" "
LOUIS F. McCABE	thirty days

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#### ALL-AMERICAN CONFERENCE AT NEW YORK

The March issue of the American Legion Magazine carries a full story by Jack Little on this all-important conference called by the National Commander. The first attempted coordination of all American organizations to present a true United Front against communism and to agree on at least some minimum common denominator of action. Alert called it "the most important meeting of Americans since our founding fathers gathered to discuss the burning issues that were put on paper as the Declaration of Independence." The conference received an excellent press except of course from the left wing. The Daily Compass was the first to open fire with the mudguns the following day. Its Washington columnist, I. F. Stone, who probably never was closer than 200 miles to the conference, laid down the strategic lines of attack. "The conference is a Hearst enterprise promoted by old-time enemies of the labor movement. Its direction is towards a new vigilantism, and the respectable organizations taking part ought to have their heads examined." Mr. Stone was obviously distressed -- traditional

enemies and organizations which normally seldom worked together, now for the first time in American history were conducting themselves as Americans and saying in effect "Whatever our differences, and they are many and real, we stand together as Americans in defense of America against the rising menace of world communism." That, to Mr. Stone and his ilk, was positively un-American and too horrible for words. The rest of Stone's diatribe could be summed up by saying that he screamed "My God! You fellows are supposed to be fighting among each other — you can't sit down together and talk over anything! What's come over you? You should have your heads examined." Students of psychology and even ordinary folk will have little trouble discerning why Mr. Stone was so badly alarmed. Mr. George Sokolsky's magnificent address, on the fragmentation and division of America into mutually hating and warring groups, explained only too graphically precisely what the Daily Compass' poison pen columnist was wailing about.

Next, the best point at which to drive in the wedge of division was selected by the Daily Worker and its periphery press. Liberals, labor, and allied groups had no business sitting down with the American Legion, professional, business, and other "reactionary" organizations. Here again psychologists and students of communist techniques will have no difficulty in perceiving what the commies were up to. Once you split off labor, liberal, and minority groups (with the "fascism will ketch you if you don't watch out!" bogeymen) then it becomes simple to brand and smear the remaining organizations as Hearstian, reactionary, pro-fascist, etc., etc., ad nauseam.

The New Republic did not like the conference. It was of the opinion that the American Civil Liberties Union and the American Veterans Committee should have been invited because, they "are fighting communism in America in the only effective way, by seeking to combat the injustices on which communist propaganda feeds." The Shachtmannite faction of the



Trotskyites called it an "American Legion snake pit" and a flaming two column front-page scare story demanded that the CIO and AFL pull out instant. According to this splinter group (numbering about 300 in the U.S.) "the wierd assemblage was made up of as choice a collection of labor-baiters, pro-fascists, anti-Semites, white supremacy advocates and other elements politely known as 'extreme rightists' as have been gathered together under one roof in this country in a long time." The other half of the Trotskyite movement denounced the All-American Conference in similar language calling it a "Legion-Hearst Mob" with a United Front character. "Together in one seething stew of anti-communism were virulent labor haters and union officials; fascists and self-proclaimed anti-fascists; anti-Semites and Jews; those who damn even the 'New Deal' and 'Fair Deal' as red hot Socialism, and those who sing hosannas to the 'Welfare State'."

Moscow waited several days before it opened fire with globe-girdling broadcasts. Up to February 6th four separate broadcasts had been devoted to denouncing the All-American Conference. Longest and most poisonous was one having been specially prepared by D. Zaslavsky, notorious mud-slinger of Pravda, who specializes in anti-American virulence. These Moscow broadcasts are appended as separate reports with this Summary.

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#### WHAT THE COMMIES ARE SAYING AND DOING

The Soviet broadcasts, in innumerable languages including everything from Arabic to Portuguese, continued last month to harp mainly on eight general propaganda themes: America's imperialistic plot to enslave the world; world-wide American espionage; horrible conditions of life in the United States and frightful persecution of American "progressives"; attacks on American foreign policy; M.A.P., etc., divisive material designed to split

and divide the western world into hating, suspicious elements; the invincible might and socialist advances of Russia; ditto for the progress and freedom of Soviet satellites; and, the world-shaking spread of the peace partisan movement to every land of the globe.

It is perhaps a great pity that many more Americans do not listen to shortwave broadcasts from Russia or have available digests of the main Russian propaganda themes crowding the ether twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. They undoubtedly reach and influence the thinking of millions of people all over the world who never see an American publication or receive a single American broadcast. Beginning with the next issue of this Summary, a digest of Soviet broadcasts will be gathered together each month in a separate report for handier reading and reference and, for showing to others without having to part with the whole Summary. The virulence of this constant barrage of aerial propaganda is hard to believe without having access to actual translations and interceptions.

The fifth anniversary of the bombing of Dresden, for example, was exploited by the Soviet and German communist radios to remind Germans, and Dresdeners in particular, that these murderous American raids had killed 35,000 innocent non-combatants at the end of the war when Dresden no longer had any military significance. Dresden was an ancient center of German culture. The answer, of course, is that Dresden was a hub of German military communications and that the tactical bombing was made in support of Marshal Zhukov's advancing armies.

The following are actual, unedited excerpts from recent Soviet broadcasts: In reply to the conditions of American women, Russian listeners were told:

"Unbearable housing conditions, overcrowding, and constant semi-starvation cause mass diseases. The percentage of mothers dying at childbirth increases each year. The working people of the U.S. cannot afford medical aid. Doctors and drugs cost very much. Often a family has no bread for a whole week because it has spent all the money on a doctor.

"American women as well as all the workers, peasants, and intelligentsia of the U.S. bear all the hardships of the antinational policy of the ruling imperialist circles of the U.S., which betrays the American people. The position of women is doubly hard because U.S. legislation applies discrimination to women and deprives them of rights equal to those of men. Usually a woman worker carrying out the same work as a man gets 30 to 40 percent lower wages than the man.

"Moreover, the owners try at the first opportunity to dismiss women from industrial work. Hundreds of thousands of women workers are thrown out into the streets. In December 1948 and January 1949 alone 885,000 women lost their jobs. THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR reports that out of 1,200 women who worked during the war at Bethlehem Steel Company only one has kept her job.

"The position of Negro women is even worse. They can only get extremely badly paid jobs. They can become laundry women, kitchen maids, or servants.

"There is no law in the U.S. on aid to mothers with many children or the protection of mothers and babies. In several states the mother has no right to keep her child unless her marriage is registered. There are some states in which the law demands imprisonment for mothers with children born out of wedlock. A working woman is not given leave either before or after childbirth. More than that, pregnancy is a pretext for dismissing a woman from her post without any paid leave and without the right to come back to her job."

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"A Slap in the Face for a Traitor!"

"The French Court of Appeals under Presiding Judge Vendevre, on Feb. 8, after a delay of nearly one year, passed sentence in the case of the traitor Kravchenko who, hiding from Soviet trial, stayed in the United States. As is known, Kravchenko accused the French newspaper LETTRES FRANCAISES, of exposing the fabrications of American propaganda published under the signature of Kravchenko in the form of a filthy and slanderous book. Kravchenko demanded compensation for the damages caused by the publication of the articles in LETTRES FRANCAISES.

"During the trial the traitor Kravchenko was completely unmasked by the witness, who proved that Kravchenko was a criminal hiding from Soviet trial. It was proved that the slanderous book signed by the traitor was not written, by him, but by some treacherous American journalist.

#### First Sentence Protested

"Judge Durkheim, who presided over the first session of the primary court, passed sentence on the editors, Claude Morgan and Andre Wurmser, fining them 5,000 francs each and a sum equivalent to 150,000 francs in damages to Kravchenko. The newspaper had to pay the expenses of the witnesses called by the traitor Kravchenko. This sum amounted to 9 million francs.

"The sentence evoked a storm of indignation in France. Even in bourgeois countries the voices of protest were raised against the fact that the American instigators of war, pursuing their provocative aims, are influencing French organs of justice.

#### Higher Court Decision

"Under such conditions the Court of Appeals was forced to pass a decision which was the most striking slap in the face for the traitor Kravchenko. It was underlined that the court did not want to interfere in the political motives of the case, and was against the use of court tribunals for political purposes."

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"Progressive Americans are being relentlessly hounded as the features of fascism become ever more distinct in the domestic pattern of the United States. Teachers and writers, journalists and scientists, Government employees and trade union functionaries — all persons who fight for genuine democracy and peace are subjected to terror and violence. Lately reactionary circles of the United States have begun harassing progressive lawyers. Every court action against the representatives of political or racial minority groups or the leaders of labor organizations is inevitably accompanied by terror and threats against U. S. lawyers.

"By resorting to political reprisals the U.S. reactionaries move to check the progressive forces in their struggle for the democratic rights and freedoms of the U.S. people. Hence they are attempting to rob the U.S. people even of their formal rights granted them by the Constitution. This is substantiated in the statement of 16 prominent educators, writers, and public leaders of the United States, who voice their protest against the persecution of lawyers. The system of political reprisals, the statement says, flagrantly violates the traditional right of lawyers to defend the accused and is likewise aimed at intimidating those who would seek the services of progressive lawyers."

### 'Provocative Trial' of Communists

"The encroachment on the independence of U.S. lawyers and on their right to defend their client has been manifested in many recent trials. The provocative trial of the 11 U.S. Communist Party leaders illustrated most clearly the reactionaries' desire to strangle every movement for genuine democracy and peace. By prosecuting defense lawyers the reactionaries are trying to deprive them of their right to defend the victims of U.S. reactionary despotism.

"The attempt to put the defense lawyers of the 11 U.S. Communist Party leaders behind bars for alleged contempt of court was nothing but a crude effort to prevent them from participating in the court proceedings. The defense attorneys were charged with so-called contempt of court because they cited numerous facts exposing the provocative nature of the trial.

"Since this vile comedy the persecution of lawyers has become increasingly frequent in the United States. The criminal methods used by Judge Medina have been developed into a system by the reactionary circles. Judge Mitchison of New Jersey charged three defense attorneys with contempt of court before they had a chance to say anything at all and forbade them to participate in the defense of six Negroes falsely accused of committing murder."

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### Weapon of Intimidation

"The true purpose of the first atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima and the second of Nagasaki was not to defeat Japan. The U.S. imperialists wanted to show to the world in a sensational and bloody and ruthless way that they were the exclusive owners of a new means for the domination of the world and that in the possession of such a weapon they could become the rulers of the world. From that very moment the atom bomb became a means for international diplomatic blackmail. On every occasion the imperialists dropped hints of that sort mainly to intimidate the Soviet Union.

"However those who expected the Soviet Union to give up its peace-loving and progressive mission and to renounce the share to which it was justly entitled in the victory over world fascism had to ask themselves why the Soviet Union had to pay most for this victory, had to ask themselves why the Soviet Union did not surrender to the threats and did not fall for the policy of blackmail introduced by the U.S. owners of the atom bomb.

"The Soviet Union did not fall victim to either atomic blackmail or the temptation of dollar aid. The Soviet Union preferred to cooperate with the liberated peoples of central and eastern Europe. While the threat of the atomic bomb was hanging over the world, the Soviet Union in a truly

miraculous way succeeded in overcoming the damage wrought by the war and reaching almost the prewar level of production and even exceeding it."

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#### "U.S. Citizens Take Action For Peace"

"While the ruling classes of the United States are intensifying their preparations for another war because they regard it as a way out of the economic crisis, ever wider sections of the progressive U.S. public are joining in the struggle for peace.

"During the last 6 months of the past year alone over 50 conferences, meetings and so forth, were held in the United States which were devoted to the struggle for peace. The progressive organizations demand in their resolutions the destruction of the aggressive blocs and pacts and the outlawing of the atomic weapons, the restoration of normal relations with the USSR, the People's Democracies, and the new China."

The commentator quotes statements made at the All-American Trade Union Conference for the Preservation of Peace at Chicago in September 1949, and at the second conference of the Organization of the Progressive Youth of the United States in November 1949, as well as extracts from the appeal of the National Committee of the Progressive Party on the forthcoming congress of that Party.

"The rank and file of the U.S. trade unions are unmasking the true purpose of the anti-Communist hysteria and are demanding the end of the cold war. The U.S. Communists are playing a big part in the rallying and mobilization of all progressive U.S. forces for peace. Despite all the persecution to which they are exposed the Communists are fighting with valor and much self-sacrifice against the warmongers."

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#### "U.S. Terror Against Workers Grows"

"Recently at the meeting of the U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations Committee, Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, delivered a speech. In spite of himself, the head of the American security outlined a frightful picture of a police State into which the United States is being converted nowadays by the efforts of the reaction.

"In the course of the last budget year alone, said Hoover, as a result of the activity of the FBI alone, 8,415 sentences were passed in the United States, including several death sentences, 8 sentences for life imprisonment, and sentences for imprisonment totaling jointly more than 20,000 years. In addition, cases of 14,000 more people are under consideration. The number of fingerprints taken by the American intelligence by Dec. 1, 1949, amounts to 113,507,485."



"The figures quoted by Hoover lift the curtain over the terrible things happening behind the screen of American democracy. The more civic rights of the Americans are eliminated, however, the more barefaced are the lies about the democratic liberties in the United States."

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"The persecution of the Jews continues to grow in scope. In a resolution adopted by the conference of progressive American Jews in the summer of 1949, it was stated that the center of world anti-Semitism has moved from Germany into the United States. For the last 4 years alone the number of people of foreign descent deported from the United States amounted to 830,000. (Imagine that!)

"In 1949, the Hobbs Bill was submitted to Congress providing for the formation of concentration camps for people of foreign descent in the United States. The bill also provides for lifelong imprisonment in these camps.

"The annihilation of civic liberties in the United States is combined with an all-round support extended to the fascist forces by the reactionary circles. The conference of reactionary organizations and fascist groups convened at the end of January in New York with the object of setting up a permanent pro-American anti-Communist joint organization signifies that the attack of the imperialist reaction against the remains of civic liberties in the United States will assume in the near future increasingly monstrous proportions.

#### Part Played by Union Leaders

"A particularly shameful part in this black affair is played by the corrupt leaders of the American trade union movement. Like the right-wing Socialists in Europe, the U.S. leaders Green, Carey, and others act as vicious enemies of democracy. They are giving full support to the attack of the reaction against the American people's civic rights and living standard and to the preparations for a new war."

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#### "The Hydrogen Bogey Of Wall Street"

"It is three weeks now since the pages of U.S. newspapers have been carrying screaming headlines about a new monstrosity — the so-called hydrogen bomb. In the same way as the U.S. atom bomb was once in vogue, now it is the new hydrogen bomb which is enjoying its honeymoon. With

great pomp President Truman's order is quoted on a further drive for atomic armaments and on research work to be done with respect to the production of the 'Hell Bomb'.

"It is an easy enough matter to guess that this new attack of war hysteria, inspired by the above-mentioned order of Truman, is needed by Wall Street, both for its domestic and its foreign aims. There is the well-known bill for military expenditures entered in the U.S. Congress, which will gobble us as much as (three)-quarters of the U.S. budget.

"In order to put through such a budget at a time when the United States is not threatened by anyone, when there are swarms of unemployed roaming the country, and millions of Americans are suffering poverty and hunger, it is necessary to throw dust in the people's eyes and create a smoke screen that will blind and stupefy the average American.

"The myth about the hydrogen bomb is being utilized in order to make the atmosphere in the country still more tense, to deafen and (confuse) the U.S. taxpayer, even if for a brief time, and to take advantage of all the noise to ratify the aggressive war budget which is swelled to the breaking point.

"There is another secret purpose here. The U.S. imperialists want to make their people swallow the idea of the possibility of an easy push-button war, which would allegedly demand no sacrifices at all on the part of the United States, but would be something in the nature of an air promenade by bombers, like a U.S. version of Hitler's notorious blitzkrieg. The U.S. military have been spreading this legend with especial persistence, ever since the crash of the old strategical conception which was based on the U.S. alleged atomic monopoly.

"The myth about the hydrogen bomb is intended also for export beyond the borders of the United States. U.S. diplomacy, which failed so completely with its atomic blackmail, is looking for a new bogey to scare the faint-hearted. It is not by chance that this hydrogen bogey has been seized upon now by all the warmongers, frightened as they are by the mounting popular movement for peace."

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#### "Drive On USSR Bulletin Assailed"

"The champions of the U.S. way of life like to talk about so-called freedom of information. But it is not enough to see life in the United States today to realize how demagogic and false are all the declarations about freedom of information in the United States. There is no such freedom in the United States. The story of the Soviet Embassy Bulletin offers a convincing proof.

"In Washington, D.C., the Soviet Embassy issues an Information Bulletin in English for the U.S. reader. This modest little illustrated magazine, which proposes to provide objective information about political and public life in the USSR, and about the culture and lives of the Soviet people, has thrown...into a fit of rage.

"The past few months have witnessed a whole campaign against the Soviet Embassy Bulletin, an instigated campaign which has been joined by fascist-minded reactionaries in various parts of the United States. School inspectors in some States have gone so far as to ban the Bulletin from the schools. Schools have orders to burn the Soviet Bulletin, burn it as soon as it arrives.

"THE NEW YORK TIMES says that the school authorities in the ...(name unintelligible--Ed.) have given the postmaster instructions not to send on printed matter from the Soviet Embassy addressed to the local high schools; and in the other schools, the paper says, the Bulletin is quickly dispatched to the wastepaper basket or burned.

#### Campaign Not Accidental

"The campaign against the Soviet Information Bulletin is not accidental. It could only arise in the midst of the pernicious anti-Soviet hysteria that is systematically fanned by all propaganda bodies in the United States. The school officials who are fighting the Soviet bulletin have fallen victims of an Americanism which regards any truthful information penetrating into the United States as seditious."

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Pravda for the past month devoted its space to pretty much the same propaganda themes as the Soviet broadcasters. The U.S.S.R. is marching from victory to victory while the black-hearted reactionaries of the capitalist world, epitomized by war-hungry Uncle Sam, are suffering one stunning defeat after another. While Russia and her peace-loving satellites rise to ever higher heights of economic well-being and military strength, the western world sinks correspondingly deeper and deeper into the mire of economic hopelessness and mass unemployment. Every day the Soviet inspired noble peace movement is reaching greater and greater numbers of people all over the world. The alleged barring of the U.S.S.R. Information Bulletin from certain American schools is worth several columns of indignant comment with sneers at America's boasted "freedom of the press."

New Times, published in Moscow in a number of foreign languages and shipped all over the world, devotes long articles to destroying the myth of European Marshall Plan recovery. Marshallization means pauperization, is a favorite Soviet propaganda theme. New Times also quotes from numerous American sources to prove that an economic crash is near at hand in the United States. It also was happy over the "removal" of George Kennan from the State Department's top Policy Planning Board. This magazine also specializes in vicious attacks on Tito, Chiang Kai Shek, and right wing European Socialist labor leaders.

Heavy emphasis is laid by N.T. on the claim that the Soviet Union desire nothing but peace and peaceful cooperation with the rest of the world. The prosperity and freedom of the so-called "Peoples Democracies" are lavishly praised in nearly every issue. The mere suggestion of arming a few West German divisions stirs the New Times' editors to rabid incoherence of rage. Congressman Poage of Texas, who originally made the suggestion, is still denounced as "cannibal Poage." Cartoons depict American generals as goosestepping over the graves of Hitler, Tojo, and Goering on what they fondly hope to be a road to world conquest, but which actually leads to a yawning grave for Uncle Sam.

One recompense, for the dreary hours spent wading through Soviet periodicals and broadcast scripts, is the rich, vivid and colorful language employed by the Bolshevik mudslingers. Never let it be said that Soviet propaganda is couched in formal and stilted terminology. While the subjects and theme songs may be monotonously repetitious and stereotyped, the lingo used is pungent and etymologically fascinating. A few samples should suffice:

"Ghoulisn screaming of the Peekskill fascist  
riffraff....Pentagon swashbucklers and cannibals....  
American reptile press .... Loathsome Canadian man-  
eater (an unknown Canadian scientist)....man-slaughtering  
savage and Ottawa monster (the same Canadian scientist)

....fascist beasts....bloodhounds of American imperialism  
....rabid cannibalist....traitors spies and rats (Tito  
and company)...etc., etc."

THE U.S. COMMUNIST PRESS

Anticipating or fearing a long overdue cleanup of commy school teachers in New York City, the Daily Worker has launched an offensive attacking School Superintendent William Jansen as permitting the use of racially biased textbooks. Something called the COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM came up overnight with a detailed "study", caliming to prove that New York City uses textbooks containing racial bias and prejudice. The authors of this remarkable work are listed as NORMAN LONDON of the C.I.O. Teachers Union #555, (communist infested, if not controlled) and one CYRIL GRAZE from the aforesaid committee.

Welfare Commissioner Raymond Hilliard, who had the temerity or boundless courage to fire a few communists from New York City's Welfare Department, is also under fire. Vito Marcantonio, no further identification required, has asked Mayor O'Dwyer to fire Hilliard for "arrogance and cruelty."

## MONTHLY ANALYSIS OF COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA

(Note: Beginning with this issue, the Summary will breakdown communist propaganda by column inches instead of the former unit of half columns. This change was dictated by a desire for greater accuracy than the rough approximation of counting half columns permitted.)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM, UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER  
FROM : F. J. BAUMGARTNER  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
MISCELLANEOUS

DATE: February 21, 1950

At 9:35 a.m., February 21, 1950, ASAC Belmont, of the New York Office, called and said that Special Agent [REDACTED] of the New York Office, had obtained information from a neighbor to the effect that [REDACTED] has just left New York on a nationwide lecture tour. During this tour he will make speeches on Russian espionage under the sponsorship of the American Legion. It is known that he will make appearances in the States of Oregon, Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, and possibly New Mexico.

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The neighbor who furnished this information to Special Agent [REDACTED] had previously mentioned [REDACTED] and asked Special Agent [REDACTED] his opinion [REDACTED] advised the neighbor that he considered [REDACTED] to be unreliable and untrustworthy in that he had violated his oath as a Special Agent of the FBI.

Mr. Belmont stated that no effort had been made to check this story but he thought the Bureau would like to be advised.

ACTION

It is suggested that Inspector Lee Pennington check with his contacts in the American Legion to determine whether the Legion is actually sponsoring [REDACTED] on a nationwide lecture tour. It is further suggested that in the event Mr. Pennington is in a position to do so, he point out to his contacts in the American Legion the fact that [REDACTED] is untrustworthy and unreliable, as demonstrated by his having breached his oath as a Special Agent.

It is suggested that this matter be given immediate attention.

FJB: tlc

ADDENDUM: 2/23/50

At Mr. Glavin's request I called Karl Baarslag of the American Legion on February 10th, advising him the Bureau was very much amazed [REDACTED] had been billed as a speaker for the Legion anti-subversive program at Portland. He stated that [REDACTED] had been slated to speak at the four conferences throughout the country. He further stated if it was humanly possible he would dispense with his services after the conference in Washington, but it would be too late to get rid of him for that one. The memorandum to Mr. Glavin was prepared on February 10th.

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L. R. Pennington

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM, UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

Date: February 15, 1950

FROM : W. R. Glavin

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to the attached copy of the teletype received from the SAC at Portland under date of February 9th concerning former Special Agent [REDACTED] participating in an American Legion sponsored conference on the subject of Communism.

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I telephonically communicated with SAC Fletcher at Portland, advising him of the background [REDACTED] and that frankly we wanted nothing to do with him. Fletcher stated he would handle this matter in accordance with the desires of the Bureau.

I also communicated with Inspector Lee Pennington, who was advised that [REDACTED] together [REDACTED] is on the panel of the American Legion to discuss the subject of Communism and that [REDACTED] name had been received by the American Legion from former Agent [REDACTED] in New York.

Mr. Pennington, after acquainting himself with the background [REDACTED] communicated with the appropriate official in the American Legion, who will endeavor to see that [REDACTED] services are dispensed with.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: April 25, 1950

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: American Legion-National

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Senator Karl Mundt called on April 20th and was very anxious to see the Director immediately. I explained the Director's absence. He then outlined that he had just had a call from Tom Sawyer of the American Legion and that he was very much perturbed over the fact that people of the American Legion had the impression that the Bureau had given George Graig, National Commander of the American Legion, a run-around when he endeavored to see the Director ten days or two weeks ago. I told Mundt that we would check on this immediately and that this sounded preposterous to me. Mundt then outlined that the American Legion had spearheaded a move to organize what is now known as an All-American Conference consisting of organizations having a total membership of some fifty million people. There are 17 members of the board headed by Dan Poling and others. They are having a convention in Chicago at the LaSalle Hotel on May 13 and 14. They will have their banquet on the night of May 13 and Poling will then be elected head of the All-American Conference which has as its objective the combatting of communism. They are endeavoring to approach this through every walk of life by concentrating primarily through education in the schools. There will be from four to five hundred people present at the banquet who will consist of the leadership of the various participating organizations and they desire the Director to be the speaker. Mundt thought that this was something which had extremely high stakes and it was something the Director should do and it would also inure to the benefit of the Bureau.

I told the Senator that the Director had not been accepting engagements. As a matter of fact the Director had been forced to decline invitations to the Gridiron Club dinner on May 13th by virtue of another commitment, although I would talk to him.

I saw Mundt on Saturday night at the Editors' Dinner and told him that I had talked to the Director and (1) the Director was concerned about the information given to him about the National Commander of the American Legion endeavoring to see the Director and getting a run-around, (2) the Director had rechecked his commitments and it would not be possible for him to accept the invitation.

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Mundt stated he would still like to see the Director and asked to be called upon the Director's return to the City.

I outlined in detail to Mundt the circumstances of Craig's last call and furnished him with the substance of the following:

On January 10, 1950, Alex Campbell called the Director on behalf of George Craig outlining that they were to start a drive in the next month or two in connection with their Americanization program. The Director advised Campbell that his commitments were extremely heavy and suggested they check with him when they got a definite date.

On January 9th, Karl Baarslag called me and advised of the conference being called by the American Legion on January 28 and 29 at which time I told him that it would not be possible for the Director to work this in.

In the meantime under date of January 11, George Craig, National Commander, wrote the Director inviting him to attend.

On January 16th, Assistant National Adjutant Leonce Legendre called Mr. Pennington regarding the meeting in New York and subsequently George Craig called Pennington.

I then called the National Commander on January 17 pointing out that the Director had received his letter of January 11, that we had also received the other calls, the Director was exceedingly sorry that he could not participate in the Legion conference on January 28 and 29, that the notice given the Director was entirely too short in view of the Director's commitments, and the Director regretted his inability to participate in view of his interest in the American Legion. Craig was very apologetic. My recollection also is that Craig called the Director's Office prior to this and declined to talk with anybody else.

Mr. Pennington called Tom Sawyer and told him we had been informed that it was being stated that the Bureau had given Craig the brush-off. This, Pennington told Sawyer, was not correct and he was calling to clarify the matter. Sawyer indicated that the call he had reference to occurred in January, which, of course, was the above-mentioned incident. He stated that Craig had tried

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for one and one-half days to get the Director on the phone but couldn't get through to the Director. Pennington told Sawyer that, of course, somebody was always available to speak for the Director and apparently Craig would not talk to anybody else.

It was suggested that Mundt be notified when he could drop by to see the Director.

*I talked to him -*

*H.*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, F.B.I.

DATE: May 5, 1950

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY

SUBJECT: ① OUTLINE FOR COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY  
AMERICAN LEGION PROGRAM NATIONAL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ROBERT B. PORTA, Americanism Officer, American Legion of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on May 3, 1950, made available to this Office a copy of a document captioned, "Outline For Counter-Subversive Activity." The following was set forth in the outline:

"OUTLINE FOR COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY"

"1. Join an organization that is doing something about subversive activities. Set up a Counter-subversive Committee.

"2. Inform yourself. Subscribe to periodicals from the recommended reading list. (Enclosed). Subscribe, read and pass on. Hold seminars.

"3. Familiarize yourself with the names of good and bad speakers and entertainers. (Enclosed list).

"4. Push anti-subversive books (List enclosed). Note: Pro-Communist books such as those by Howard Fast are 'Best Sellers,' while books which expose them, such as 'Tell The West,' by Jerzi Gliksman, have sold very few. Change this trend by buying these books, reading them and passing them on to others.

"5. Locate the experts on subversive activities in your community. Ex-radicals, former Army and Navy intelligence men, and former FBI agents are usually easy to find. Use them as an advisory committee.

"6. Indiana Manual for Combating Subversive Activities. Write Department Adjutant of Indiana for this.

"7. Set up a community information program.

"8. Sponsor, and have your Representatives and Senator push some State legislation to outlaw the Communists. (States have ducked their responsibilities in this matter)".

"9. Let your Congressman and Senator know that the House Un-American Activities Committee has your support."

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"10. ORANGE COUNTY, California Plan--Get this from California by sending \$1.00 to ALERT, 127 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, asking for pamphlet of Conference of Civic Organizations. This is a plan for reorganizing your library set-up. It sets out a system for tallying pro-Soviet books and their antidotes, and the means for evening it up. In effect, your group tells the Library officials what books they need to get, and if they don't get them, present same yourself; they can't refuse them without showing their hand.

"11. Have available some Subversives List cited by some official body. (List enclosed). Another list, 'Citations,' is available from the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., for 30¢.

"12. DON'T EXPECT SOMEONE ELSE TO DO IT!"

PORTA advised that he had obtained the outline or the information set forth in the outline at a District or National meeting of the Americanism Officers recently held some place in Texas.

ROBERT PORTA stated he made this outline available to the various Legion Posts in order that they might combat the rights of subversive organizations in this State.

PORTA stated he often forwards literature to the various American Legion Posts for the same purpose and turned over two copies of a bulletin captioned, "How You Can Fight Communism," which was published by the National Americanism Commission Sub-Committee on Subversive Activities of the American Legion.

A copy of this bulletin is being enclosed. The above information is being provided for the Bureau's information and no further action is contemplated by this Office.

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ENCLOSURE TO THE BUREAU;

RE: OUTLINE FOR COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY  
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## RECOMMENDED BOOK LIST

The following twelve titles are recommended as basic reading for those who have read very little on world Communism and its threat to America today. They should be on every library shelf.

Title	Author	Publisher	
AMERICAN COMMUNISM	Onal & Werner	Dutton, New York	\$3.00
BLUEPRINT FOR WORLD CONQUEST	Chamberlain	Regency & Co., Chicago	3.50
COMING DEFEAT OF COMMUNISM	Burnham	John Day, New York	3.50
COMMUNISM, ITS PLANS AND TACTICS	Library of Congress		
COMMUNIST PARTY IN ACTION	Zoeck	Infantry Journal	2.00
I CHOSE FREEDOM	Krawchenko	Yale University Press	4.00
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	Glitsman	Scribners, New York	3.50



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FORCED LABOR IN THE SOVIET UNION	Dallas & Nicolansky	Yale University Press	3.75
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GUESTS OF THE KREMLIN	La Col		
THE GREAT RETREAT	Emmens	Houghton Mifflin	2.50
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MY THREE YEARS IN MOSCOW	Petrov	Yale University Press	4.00
RED PRUSSIAN	Edell Smith	Lippincott	4.00
STALIN	Schwartzchild	Scribners	4.00
SOVIET GOLD	Trotsky	Harpers Row, N. Y.	4.00
WORLD COMMUNISM TODAY	Petrov	Farrar & Straus	4.50
LAND OF MILK AND HONEY	Ebon	McGraw-Hill	3.00
SOVIET RUSSIA AND THE FAR EAST	W. L. White	Doubleday, New York	5.00
THE RISE OF RUSSIA IN ASIA	Dalton	Yale University Press	5.00

All of these books can be obtained from The American Legion Book Service, 734 Fifteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., at prices stated.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 3/24/50

FROM: J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: \*\*\*\*\*

Last night ASAC Lally of the Baltimore Division called me at home and stated that he had received a telephone call from former Special Agent Surine who requested to personally see Lally or SAC McFarlin. Surine indicated he was in Baltimore for a very short period of time and he would have to arrange to see Lally or McFarlin in the next ten to twenty minutes since he planned to depart from Baltimore for some other place. Surine stated that he had some hot information to take the Bureau off the spot in the Lattimore case and that it was something he had heard yesterday from a Senator.

After discussing the matter with Mr. Ladd, I advised Mr. Lally that he should call Surine back and tell him that he would be unable to arrange a personal appointment to see Surine but that if Surine had any information he thought would be of interest to us he should furnish it to Lally over the phone.

Mr. Lally subsequently called me back and stated that Surine told him the reason he wanted to see Lally or McFarlin was to reassure the Baltimore Office and the Bureau that he had not violated any confidence in furnishing information to Senator McCarthy or anyone else concerning the Lattimore case. Surine stated that all information that Senator McCarthy had in connection with the Lattimore case was obtained from the American Legion in Washington, D. C. He stated he knew this to be a fact since Senator McCarthy had given him a lead to contact someone in the American Legion in Washington to obtain information. Surine stated he could not reveal the name of this contact. In all probability this so-called contact in the American Legion is Karl Baarslag, who is head of the Legion's National Americanism Commission.

Surine stated he has also learned that the American Legion has been conducting an investigation of Lattimore for some time. He said the American Legion had a technical surveillance on Lattimore's home in Baltimore and that the Legion was asked to remove the technical surveillance by someone in the FBI in the Baltimore Office. Mr. Lally stated this was absolutely not true and as far as the Baltimore Office knows the Legion has not had a technical surveillance on Lattimore. Mr. Lally stated apparently what Surine has in mind is the following incident:

About a month ago the Baltimore Office wrote a Letter to the Bureau concerning the Legion in Baltimore in connection with the Owen Lattimore case. The Baltimore Office requested the Bureau to straighten out the Legion in Baltimore which had requested the Baltimore Police Department to conduct an investigation of Owen Lattimore. Mr. Lally stated that Mr. Pennington came over to Baltimore and saw the State Adjutant Daniel H. Burkhardt and straightened him out and told Burkhardt

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Not to investigate any such cases but to report all information received to the Bureau. Lally said as far as he knows there was no discussion with Burkhart concerning technical surveillances or the removal of any technical surveillances on the Lattimore residence.

I have discussed this matter with Mr. Pennington and he stated that on the afternoon of February 23, 1950 he did go to Baltimore in response to a letter from the Baltimore Division concerning the activities of Burkhart in connection with the Lattimore case.

Surine also told Mr. Lally that some time prior to Mr. Pennington's visit to Baltimore, an American Legion representative had asked to see Mr. Pennington about the Lattimore case and asked him specifically if the Bureau was or was not investigating Lattimore. As a result, the Legion representative called upon Mr. Pennington who furnished the representative no information and Mr. Pennington thereafter referred the individual to Mr. Ladd. According to Surine, Mr. Ladd told the Legion representative that we were investigating Lattimore but would furnish no further details concerning him. Mr. Ladd has advised me that he has no recollection of ever being contacted by a Legion representative concerning the Lattimore case.

Mr. Pennington was contacted by Karl Baarslag on February 10, 1950 concerning Lattimore, at which time Baarslag left with Mr. Pennington an article entitled "Disaster in China" by Father James F. Kearney with respect to Owen Lattimore. This article was published in the September 1949 issue of "Columbia", a Knights of Columbus publication. Mr. Pennington advises me that Senator McCarthy's information with respect to Lattimore apparently was taken almost verbatim from this article of Father Kearney. Mr. Pennington's copy of the article is attached and it should be returned to him.

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The foregoing is submitted for your information.

Director's Notation omitted.

CC - Mr. Ladd



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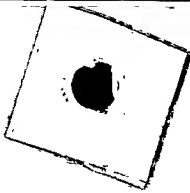
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Director, FBI

Re: AMERICAN LEGION/CONTACT

Dear Sir:

Re Indianapolis letter May 11, 1950, Bureau teletype May 15, 1950 and Indianapolis teletype May 16, 1950.

TOM SAWYER, Director of the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion, Indianapolis, advised SA HOWARD A. KING on May 16, 1950 that he did not mean to infer that the American Legion was not sponsoring a mock atomic bomb attack on some town in the United States but that what he meant to indicate was that it was not being handled by the National Americanism Commission. He stated that instead, the matter would be handled by the National Security Commission, directed by Mr. MARTIN BUCKNER, of Indianapolis. ~~DEFERRED HANDLING~~

Mr. SAWYER continued that no definite plans whatsoever had been made for the mock atomic bomb attack and that the Law and Order Committee of the American Legion was supposed to meet in the future to formulate some plan; and he was certain that he, himself, would be invited to attend.

He, further, stated that the town in Ohio was favored by those planning the project at the present time because of the advanced state of civilian defense in that State and because of the fact that the head of the Ohio State Police has been quite active in civilian defense. He, further, said that there are a considerable number of legionnaires who are members of the Ohio State Police force; and, likewise, they have established what is reputed to be a highly efficient auxiliary police. He stated that the mock bomb attack would be a defense measure rather than one having to do with subversive activities and for that reason, was being handled by the Security Commission.

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W. J. King  
Security Commission  
for

Memo, Director

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No particular city has been singled out as yet, as far as Mr. SAWYER knows, and as stated above, no detailed plans worked out as for example, who would procure and handle the airplane attack, et cetera. Mr. SAWYER stated that he was keeping advised of the matter and in turn, would furnish information to the Indianapolis Office as it develops. No actual time has been decided upon.

This office will maintain contact with Mr. SAWYER and immediately provide the Bureau upon receipt of any additional information.

Very truly yours,



H. G. Foster,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Producers Knz and Crump are busy putting together the Legion's musical show "Red, White and Blue." Auditions are being held in Hollywood, and Roy Mack, Director of Talent, is to tour the country so that every deserving veteran is given an opportunity to show his or her talents.

Dr. Irving R. Brick, Associate Medical Consultant of the National Rehabilitation Commission, is a contributor to the May issue of "American Practitioner." Dr. Brick's contribution is "Primary Malignancy of the Liver."

Dates for next year's Area "C" Child Welfare Conference have been set for Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3, 1951, by agreement between the host Department of South Carolina and the National Child Welfare Division. The conference will be held in Columbia.

Anti-subversive activities meetings - one a month - are being outlined now in the Department of Panama. Outstanding speakers on all aspects of Communism and its dangers are being contacted to appear at these meetings of Canal Zone citizens.

Edward McGinnis, Director of Public Relations, and Ivan Marsh, National Field Representative, both of whom recently suffered heart attacks, are reported to be progressing in good shape.

Past National Chaplain Patrick N. McDermott is to receive the investiture of the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Patrick N. McDermott, V. F., at ceremonies in the SS Peter and Paul Church, Atlantic, Iowa, May 24. Most Rev. Edward C. Daly, O. P., will officiate.

A counter-subversive conference will be sponsored by the Department of Illinois in Chicago, June 3 and 4. Top-flight experts on the various phases of the Communist conspiracy will be there to present facts. As a possible innovation, the Illinois sponsors are considering sending invitations to representatives of some officially cited Communist and subversive front groups. Early reservations are very important, and they may be obtained by writing to Ed Clamage, 1313 West Randolph, Chicago, Illinois.

Material contained in this letter is provided for the information and use of key National and Department officials of The American Legion. Items marked with an asterisk (\*) are confidential and not to be re-published. Much of the material contained herein will be subjects for more complete bulletins, memorandums or press releases.

*Henry H. Dudley*  
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The Department of Colorado is the first to reach the four star category on the weekly membership report, indicating that the Department has reached and surpassed its all-time high in membership. Colorado's all-time high, reached in 1948, was 29,688. They now have 30,438 members. Here's a record for all other Departments to shoot at.

An attractive reprint of the Children's Charter in display format is one of the most popular pieces of child welfare literature at present. The Charter was originally drawn up by the 1930 White House Conference on Children and has since become universally accepted as a comprehensive statement of the objectives of practically all child welfare work. The Charter was endorsed by the Legion at the time it first appeared and was reaffirmed by the San Francisco Convention. The calling of another White House Conference on Children for 1950 has revived interest in the Children's Charter, and the Child Welfare Division is receiving requests from individuals and organizations throughout the nation for copies of the Legion reprint.

The National Americanism Commission will have a display of American Legion citizenship and character building programs at the Fifth Annual Citizenship Conference in Washington, D. C., May 21 to 24. This display and others will be open in the Statler Hotel during the meetings, which are sponsored by the National Education Association and the United States Attorney General's office.

The American Legion will launch a series of 12 area membership conferences to be held throughout the nation prior to September 15, 1950, for the purpose of training and disseminating plans for 1951 membership promotion. This decision was made by the National Executive Committee at its meeting May 3 to 5.

The Public Participation Program, a campaign to raise funds by direct mail solicitation, is underway with some 50,000 letters having been mailed from Chicago during the past week. Responses to the preliminary mailing were very heartening, and the Committee, under John Stelle and Harry Colmery, hope to get into full swing within the next few weeks. The funds derived from this program are to be spent to combat Communism.

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National Americanism Director W. C. "Tom" Sawyer will represent The American Legion at the National Conference on Elementary Education, May 22 to 24, in Washington, D. C. These meetings are being sponsored by the National Education Association.

Definite word has now been received from all but five Departments that arrangements are being made to compile a child welfare report on the forms provided for this purpose by the National Child Welfare Division. Last year's consolidated child welfare report showed more than \$5,000,000 in direct aid to children as a result of work done by the Legion and affiliates. The child welfare report form has been revised and shortened this year with the hope that the simpler form will enable Departments to get a greater number of Posts to report their accomplishments.

George F. Hickey, National Field Representative of The American Legion for Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, passed away suddenly at his home in Manchester, New Hampshire on May 16. Hickey was a 30-year member of the Henry J. Sweeney Post No. 2, having served in many official capacities in his post and Department, including Department Commander, before joining National Headquarters' staff as a Field Representative.

Close cooperation between The American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America is nowhere better displayed than in Warren, Ohio. There, the Clarence Hyde Post No. 278 and John Gillam Post No. 564 have developed a program of practical Americanism training. Working with the Western Reserve Council, B. S. A., these Posts have in one year sponsored eight Scout Units which now serve 133 boys.

The All-American Conference to Combat Communism came into official existence by unanimous votes of delegates from more than 60 national organizations on May 14 at Chicago, Illinois. Buffalo, New York, was selected for its next meeting on November 18 and 19. The Conference elected the following national interim officers to serve until the Buffalo meeting: Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Editor of "The Christian Herald", as National Chairman; National Commander George N. Craig as Honorary National Chairman; five National Vice Chairmen: Mrs. Marie L. Sheeche, National President of The American Legion Auxiliary; Rev. Father John A. Cronin, S. S., of the National Catholic Welfare Conference; Dr. Frederick C. Fowler, President of the National Association of Evangelicals; Lewis Hines, of the American Federation of Labor; and Alexander T. Wells, Past President of Lions International. W. C. Sawyer, Legion Americanism Director, was named National Secretary; and J. George Fredman, representing the Jewish War Veterans, was elected National Treasurer. This organization has the potential fighting power of more than 80,000,000 loyal Americans behind it to combat Communism in the United States on a scale and with vigor never before attempted.

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NOTES FROM LEGISLATIVE DIVISION

Hoover Report, Reorganization - On May 9 the President transmitted Reorganization Plans Nos. 22, 23, 24 and 25 to the Congress. These, in order, concern (1) Transfer of Federal National Mortgage Association; (2) Transfer of certain activities from the RFC to the Housing and Home Finance Agency; (3) Transfer of the RFC to the Department of Commerce; and (4) Transfer of the function of the National Security Resources Board to the Chairman of the Board. On May 11 the Senate voted to defeat Reorganization Plan No. 1 which would have affected the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency in the Treasury Department, and Plan No. 12 which would have reorganized the National Labor Relations Board.

Armed Services, Mentally Incompetent Personnel - On May 12 the Senate Armed Services Committee favorably reported S. 2395 (S. Rept. 1556), a bill to provide for payment of amounts due to mentally incompetent personnel of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Public Health Service, H. R. 5920, the companion bill, as amended, passed the House on May 15.

National Science Foundation - On May 10 President Truman signed S. 247. This bill, now Public Law 507, establishes a National Science Foundation which will cooperate with the Defense Department and the Atomic Energy Commission.

Rehabilitation, Death Gratuity - On May 15 Representative Brooks of Louisiana introduced H. R. 8504, a bill to authorize payment of death gratuity on account of death in active or training service of personnel of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Public Health Service, including the reserve components of such services, and for other purposes. Referred to the House Armed Services Committee.

National Service Life Insurance - On May 10 the Veterans Affairs Committee favorably reported H. R. 8235 (H. Rept. 2031), a bill to further amend the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, as amended. Important provisions would affect insurability of the service connected disabled, waiver of premiums in total disability cases, and settlement of certain death claims.

New Insurance Plan - The House Committee on Veterans Affairs on May 10 adopted a resolution directing its staff, during the recess, to consult with the Veterans Administration and other federal agencies, as well as The American Legion and other recognized veteran organizations, concerning recommendations for a new law to provide insurance protection for members of the armed forces and veterans of such forces.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TO:

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___ Mr. Tolson	___ Call Me
✓ ___ Mr. Ladd <i>oh</i>	___ Send file
___ Mr. Clegg	___ Bring up to date
___ Mr. Glavin	___ Appropriate action
___ Mr. Nichols	___ Note and return
___ Mr. Rosen	___ Place on record
___ Mr. Tracy	___ Place on record
___ Mr. Q. Tamm	and return
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___ Mr. Nease	___ Status
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**NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION**  
**(THE AMERICAN LEGION)**  
**Information Concerning**

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Feurlet dated May 12, 1950, concerning the American Legion sponsored "All-American Conference" and the request received by your office from Mr. Jackson J. Holtz for assistance in identifying certain organizations connected with the Conference.

Your explanation [redacted] that the Bureau's regulations preclude any assistance such as requested by Mr. Holtz is correct and should be strictly adhered to.

For your information, the Bureau is fully aware of the "All-American Conference" and close liaison is maintained by the Bureau with the national headquarters of the American Legion and its representatives in Washington, D. C., through Inspector Lee Pennington. Requests from the American Legion for assistance when received through established liaison channels are given appropriate consideration at the Bureau.

cc - New York

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 12, 1950

FROM : SAC, Boston

SUBJECT: NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION  
(THE AMERICAN LEGION) GENERAL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Belmont	
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Miss Gandy	

Assistance has been periodically rendered [redacted] associated with the Boston office of the Anti-Defamation League in connection with Internal Security inquiries in the Greater Boston area. [redacted] although not accorded a confidential symbol, constantly provides information and assistance of extreme value with respect to individuals and organizations coming within his interest in connection with the over-all objectives of the Anti-Defamation League.

[redacted] recently brought to an Agent of the Boston Office, with whom he comes in contact frequently in connection with the association referred to above, a copy of a communication dated April 11, 1950, from the office of the National Director, the American Legion, National Americanism Commission, Indianapolis, Indiana, addressed to Mr. JACKSON J. HOLTZ, Chairman of the Special Screening Committee, Committee on Permanent Organization, All-American Conference, 85 Devonshire Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

For the information of the Bureau, JACKSON J. HOLTZ is the present National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., a former Assistant United States Attorney at Boston, Massachusetts, a classmate at Boston University School of Law of Attorney General J. HOWARD McGRATH, and one who has continued to be a close personal friend and associate of the Attorney General.

A copy of the communication referred to above is submitted to the Bureau and to the New York Office reflecting an outline of portion of the problem incidental to the inclusion of various organizations within the All-American Conference, referred to above, which the New York Office has undoubtedly called to the attention of the Bureau, it being noted that this Conference, which occurred during recent months at New York City, was called under the sponsorship of the American Legion, in order to bring together organizations who were interested in establishing an anti-Communist front.

[redacted] is well acquainted with the restrictions existing with respect to any use of information within the confines of the Bureau other than to Governmental intelligence organizations inasmuch [redacted]

[redacted] during World War II. However, [redacted] with HOLTZ, HOLTZ asked that he call the nature of the organization and its problem of identification to the attention of the Boston Office in the hope that perhaps some possible assistance might be established for the purpose of aiding the new organization in excluding from among its membership groups which might tend to destroy its established purpose.

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Miss Gandy

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Director, FBI

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May 12, 1950

The suggestion is presented to the Bureau in connection with this matter that perhaps Mr. LEE PENNINGTON, who is associated with American Legion activities within the Bureau would be in possession of information with respect to the All-American Conference, referred to above, and might be in a position to provide more detailed information than that set forth herein.

It is recognized that Bureau regulations preclude any assistance such as requested by Mr. HOLTZ [redacted] however, it was felt that because of the nature of the organization and the individuals associated with it, the matter should be called to the attention of the Bureau in order to determine whether or not some possible program might be established to meet the conditions set forth herein.

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The Bureau is assured that no commitments of any kind have been made in connection with this matter, and the Bureau regulations with respect to dissemination of its files has been brought to the attention [redacted]

ENCLOSURE: TO BUREAU AND NEW YORK

1 copy of communication dated April 11, 1950, from the office of the National Director, the American Legion, National Americanism Commission, Indianapolis, Ind., to Mr. JACKSON J. HOLTZ, Chairman of the Special Screening Committee, Committee on Permanent Organization, All-American Conference, 85 Devonshire, Boston, Mass.

COPY

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
National Americanism Commission  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Office of the  
National Director

April 11, 1950  
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Mr. Jackson J. Holtz, Chairman  
Special Surveying Committee  
Committee on Permanent Organization  
All-American Conference  
85 Devonshire  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Jack:

I realize that I am terribly slow in getting to you and your committee the information on the organizations which have requested admission to the Conference and which were, by action of the Committee on Permanent Organization meeting here in Indianapolis on March 26, referred to your committee with power to act.

Here are the organizations which have requested inclusion in the Conference:

The American Artists Professional League, Inc.  
The American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (AAATESL of U.S., Inc.)  
Federal Employees Association for National Defense  
National Committee for Free Europe, Inc.  
National Association for Universal Fingerprinting (Membership: 7,000  
Cited from 1950 World Almanac)  
Order of Washington  
Society of Former Special Agents of the F.B.I., Inc.  
Worldian Congress Committee of America  
American Education Association  
National Society, Patriotic Women of America, Inc. (Membership: 450  
Cited from 1950 Womens Patriotic Conference on  
National Defense handbook)  
Prince George's County Association for the Preservation of American  
Ideals  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

You will remember that with regard to expansion of Conference sponsorship, in addition to the present sponsoring organizations, it was recommended that organizations selected for inclusion:

- (1) Be generally recognized as representative and national in scope;
- (2) Have a record of combating communism or shall presently have a program for fighting communism;
- (3) Be excluded if they combine an attack upon communism with an attack upon races, faiths, either or both; and,

- (4) Be restricted to those organizations which express a willingness to accept the principles, ideals and objectives as set forth by the All-American Conference.

**AMERICAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**  
505-7 Ford Building, Detroit 26, Michigan  
Director: Lee F. Bearden

The articles of incorporation of the American Education Association, we are informed, show Lee F. Bearden to be the "sole owner." In other words, this is a commercial organization of which Mr. Bearden is the sole owner and would in no way qualify under Qualification Number One listed in Paragraph Three, Page One of this letter.

It would seem to me that the last four organizations listed in Paragraph Two, Page One of this letter do not meet Qualification Number One as mentioned in Paragraph Three, Page One.

**THE AMERICAN ARTISTS PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE, INC.**  
National Headquarters, Carnegie Hall, New York, New York  
National President: F. Ballard Williams  
11 Highland Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey

"The American Artists Professional League is organized to promote the interest of American artists and American art. It is a national organization having members in practically all the forty-eight states and chapters in many of them. Its headquarters is as above. Its board members volunteer their services. It has only one paid employee. Its services, however, are many looking toward the promotion of our own artists. Among other things, it has been active in identifying and making public the names of "pinks", "fellow travelers" and communists that have infiltrated into the art organizations of our country. In this effort we have been assisted by the Honorable George A. Sanders, Mr. Walter Steele of the National Republic, Mr. Fred E. Busby and others.

It is my belief that our efforts along these lines will be strengthened by becoming a part of the organization put into tentative operation by the Legion on Saturday, the 28th and Sunday, the 29th, at the Hotel Astor." (Excerpt from letter of January 30, 1950; signed by Allen Belmont, Member of the National Executive Committee of A.A. P.L.)

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF SLAVIC AND EAST EUROPEAN LANGUAGES**  
(No headquarters given)  
President: A.P. Coleman  
301 E. Hall, University of Texas, Austin, Texas

"Since we are the only professional national association which has required all national officers to take the NLRB anti-Communist oath, we should like to be invited to the next meeting -- if teachers' organizations are desired. May we?" (Excerpt from letter of February 13, 1950; signed by A. P. Coleman.)

The Washington D.C., office of the American Legion advises that "President A.P. Coleman is held in high esteem by the Poles. He resigned his chair at Columbia when General Eisenhower refused to turn down a grant to the University of some thousands of dollars from Red Poland with conditions attached. Coleman had the chair of Polish or Slavic Languages there. His successor there is reported to be collaborating with the New Polish government."

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE  
Room 203 Rauh Hall, 56 East Fourth Street, Dayton 2, Ohio  
National President: E.E. Mayfield

"A letter from U.S. Senator Karl E. Mundt, suggesting that I write to you, relative to the above Association giving active and total support to the effort to expedite the drive against subversive elements and activities in this Country.

"We organized in 1938 and with the help of Louis Johnson then Asst. Secty. of War, General Hap Arnold and Col. Frank Kennedy at Wright Field, we fumigated said Air Field and I personally handled the Duncan Field at San Antonio and the Sacramento Air Depot in California and we understand the methods, purpose and plans of the elements in point, and I was able to complete the mission in Texas and California without fanfare, press notice or creating "martyrs" as to any of the buzzards.

"Our National Headquarters is here in Dayton, Ohio, as well as two local Units, our constitution forbids the National Director to be a Federal Employee, consequently, I am immune from pressure or threat of any retaliation from any "powers that be" so to speak. Other local units in other states.

"If there is a spot in the ranks in the concentrated drive against subversive activities in this Country, I would appreciate any suggestions you will send me." (Excerpt from letter of February 7, 1950; signed by Thomas J. Ward, National Director, Box 3, Station D, Dayton, 10, Ohio.)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR UNIVERSAL FINGERPRINTING  
Headquarters, North Billerica, Massachusetts  
Founder: George LaBelle  
National Director: Walter V. Daponte

"We here at National Headquarters have been receiving letters from our members asking if our association will have any of its officers at the "All American Conference"....

"...this association is strongly against COMMUNISM in any way-shape-and manner. We are in belief that if we are to be good Americans we must stop communism today not tomorrow and the only way to do this is to have each and every organization whether large or small work together in order to accomplish the work that is started.

"If it is not too late to join your organization to fight Communism in our beloved country, we of the association would be honored to assist you in this fight. If you would be kind enough as to send this office any and all particulars concerning this conference to our National Director we would be grateful to your organization always." (Excerpt from letter of February 10, 1950; signed by M.P. Downs, National Secretary.)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR FREE EUROPE, INC.  
Headquarters: 350 Fifth Avenue, Room 301, New York, 1, New York  
Chairman of the Board: Joseph G. Grew  
President: DeWitt C. Poole

I called upon Mr. James M. Lambie, Jr., Director of this organization, early in January of this year and was advised that the National Committee for Free Europe, Inc., was formed for the purpose of endeavoring to influence freedom-loving people behind the Iron Curtain and to keep their hopes alive for early salvation from

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Communist domination. It attempts to contact and "salvage" leaders who escape from the Iron Curtain countries and by their various contacts -- letters, radio, grapevine -- carry word of the true situation in the western countries back to the "underground" in Europe. Mr. Lambie's request for inclusion of this organization was verbal. (I think that Miss Huston might be able to get a better picture of this group.)

#### ORDER OF WASHINGTON

Washington Irving Gardens, Tarrytown-on-Hudson, New York

Registrar General: John S. Wurts

Commander General: Dr. George Tully Vaughan

Mrs. Prentiss B. Reed, Regent of the Order of Washington, on instructions from the Registrar General sends us the following information about the Order of Washington:

"The 'Order of Washington' is the oldest of all American organizations with the possible exception of one. With the almost exclusively male membership it is national in scope although necessarily limited in numbers because of its membership qualification

"For the past two years the Order has conducted an active challenging campaign of "Speak Out Americans".

"The Order is currently planning a wider spread for its effort to awaken and to re-Americanize American citizenship and American leadership. Its publication "The Unknown Washington" will be off the press February 22 as a 208th Anniversary tribute to that American whose standard of citizenship and of leadership stands as a stern rebuke and challenge to the citizens and the leaders of today."

Mrs. Reed in her accompanying letter says: "I am therefore, writing to offer the Order's cooperation (in the All-American Conference) and to ask what obligation this entails on the organization."

#### SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE F.B.I., INC.

Room 1025, 70 Pine Street, New York 5, New York

President: Charles O. Blaisdell

"In the latter part of January the American Legion held an All-American Conference at the Hotel Astor....Many of our members feel that the Society should have been represented at this conference. Inasmuch as I understand that there will be another session of this conference within the near future I would like to be advised of the time and place so that I might attend same." (Excerpt from letter of March 3, 1950; signed by Charles O. Blaisdell.)

We understand that this Society has approximately 3,000 members scattered throughout the United States, that it is a loosely-knit group organized primarily for social purposes, but secondarily to be alert to indications of subversion or major crime and to giving to government agencies such information as any citizen might give to help detect and counteract these subversive or illegal actions.

#### UKRAINIAN CONGRESS COMMITTEE OF AMERICA

Suite 252, 50 Church Street, New York 7, New York

President: Professor Lev E. Dobriansky

First Vice-President: Dymtro Halychyn

"In the name of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America representing over a million of Americans of Ukrainian descent we congratulate you on your noble and patriotic effort to combat subversive communism, a spearhead and subsidized fifth column of totalitarian and aggressive Russia. We associate ourselves in this all American endeavor to defend our freedom and American way of life before the threat of aggressive forces of Moscow and call on all Americans to do likewise." (Telegram of January 29, 1950; signed by the President and First Vice-President.)

I have presented herewith pertinent portions of the letters of application from the respective organizations and, where we have factual information about these groups, I have also included that.

You will recall that you were also charged with the responsibility of securing a representation of some national Negro group or groups. Frankly, I have done nothing about this since the March 26 meeting and I have no suggestions to offer despite the fact that I think this is a most important obligation.

Upon instruction from you and your committee we will take such action with regard to these organizations as the committee may direct.

Sincerely,

W.C. "TOM" SAWYER  
Secretary Pro Tempore

cc: E.E. Hunt  
C.H. Norton

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. B. NICHOLS *and*

DATE: May 29, 1950

FROM : M. A. JONES *MS*SUBJECT: VISIT OF 100 BOYS ACCOMPANIED  
BY MR. W. SHUMAKER, ASSISTANT  
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL AMERICANISM  
COMMISSION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION *National*

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Under date of May 25, 1950, Inspector L. R. Pennington informed the Crime Records Section that Mr. Worth Shumaker, Assistant Director of the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion desires to bring 100 boys to the Bureau for a tour from 9 A. M. to 11 A. M. on Monday, July 24, 1950. This group is participating in the "Boys Nation" in Washington at that time, and has made annual visits to the Bureau in the past and has been addressed by Inspector Pennington on these occasions.

Arrangements have been made to schedule this tour at the time and date stated.

Inspector J. S. Rogers of the Training and Inspection Division, has made arrangements to provide classroom number 1 at the 11 A. M. recess of the National Academy, in order that Inspector Pennington may briefly address the 100 boys at the conclusion of their Bureau tour.

Inspector Pennington advised that no correspondence with Mr. Shumaker is necessary in this matter, since he is handling.

Inspector Rogers suggested that the Tour Room maintain close contact with him on the morning of the tour so that the group of boys can be ushered into the classroom at the exact time of the recess, and ushered out again with no conflict with the National Academy class schedule.

ACTION

This is for information purposes.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *ARB*

FROM : MR. F. J. BAUMGARDNER *FJB*

SUBJECT: *NATIONAL* NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION  
(THE AMERICAN LEGION) *national*  
Information Concerning

DATE: May 31, 1950

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PURPOSE

To advise of a request made of the Boston Office by Mr. Jackson J. Holtz for assistance in identifying certain organizations affiliated with the American Legion sponsored ~~All-American~~ Conference and to recommend that Boston render no assistance in connection therewith.

BACKGROUND

Boston by memorandum dated May 12, 1950 (attached), advised that Mr. Jackson J. Holtz of Boston, Massachusetts, who is national commander of the Jewish War Veterans and chairman of the Special Screening Committee of the "All-American Conference," through [redacted] the Boston Anti-Defamation League had inquired as to whether the Boston Office might render the Screening Committee some assistance in identifying various organizations which desired to become a part of the "All-American Conference."

Boston pointed out that Mr. Holtz is a former Assistant United States Attorney, a classmate of Boston University School of Law of Attorney General McGrath, and is a close personal friend and associate of the Attorney General. The Bureau was advised of this request for our information concerning the "All-American Conference" and in view of Holtz's close personal friendship with the Attorney General.

STATUS

The Bureau has received through Inspector Lee Pennington all pertinent information concerning the "All-American Conference" from American Legion representatives in Washington, D. C. The "All-American Conference," sponsored by the American Legion, in substance, is an attempt to gather together various organizations opposed to the spread of Communism in this country in order that some affirmative action might be taken to expose and combat the evils of Communism. The American Legion is naturally concerned with preventing any organization of questionable loyalty becoming affiliated with the Conference as indicated by the setting up of the Special Screening Committee.

The Bureau has long maintained close liaison with the national offices of the American Legion and its representatives in Washington, D. C., through Inspector Pennington. Whenever possible, we have rendered full assistance to the Legion.

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### RECOMMENDATION

The Bureau is fully aware of the American Legion sponsored "All-American Conference" and in view of the established liaison between the Legion and the Bureau through Inspector Pennington, it is recommended that Boston be specifically advised that their previous explanation of the Bureau's regulations precluding any assistance such as requested by Mr. Holtz is correct and should be strictly adhered to. Any request for assistance by the American Legion through the established liaison with Mr. Pennington would receive appropriate consideration.

### ACTION

Attached is a memorandum so advising Boston.



Attachment

May 25, 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JONES

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*American Legion - National*

I have been informed by Mr. North Shumaker, Assistant Director of the Legion's National Americanism Commission, that approximately 100 boys will be in Washington during the latter part of July for Boys Nation. This group annually takes a tour of the Bureau and thereafter have been talked to by me briefly in one of the classrooms. Mr. Shumaker requested that this group be given a tour from 9 to 11 A.M. July 24, 1950, and that thereafter a classroom be made available for approximately 15 to 20 minutes.

Very truly yours,

*Lee R. Pennington*  
Lee R. Pennington

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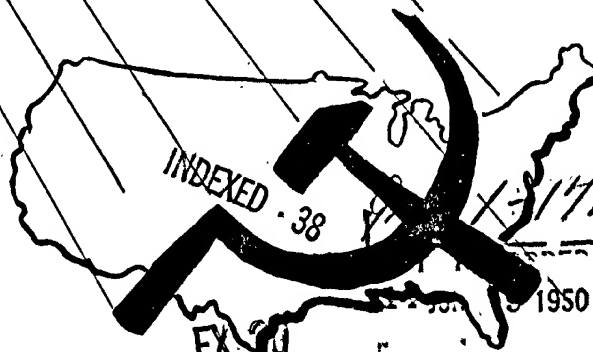
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## THE SPOTLIGHT

ROBERT A. VOGELER. American businessman and Annapolis graduate, Robert A. Vogeler is serving fifteen years in a Hungarian prison as result of an alleged "conviction of espionage" in a Hungarian communist kangaroo court. His appeal to the Hungarian Supreme Kangaroo Court (Communist) has been rejected. Mrs. Vogeler and their two small boys are living in Vienna in order to be as near to him as possible and to carry on their pathetic and lone-handed fight for his release. Mr. Vogeler's big mistake, of course, is in not being a communist. Were he a communist, a great national defense fund would already have been set up for him. Thousands of college professors, ministers, scientists, and intellectuals would be writing, speaking, collecting funds, and bombarding Congress and the State Department with protests and demands. The case of Robert Vogeler would be blazoned from one end of the country to another. He would become a second Tom Mooney.

Mr. Gubichev, the convicted Soviet spy, is graciously pardoned by Uncle Sam and sent home with a nice new television set to wile away the dull hours in Sovietland. Mr. Vogeler is promptly forgotten by his fellow Americans. The moral? It pays to be a commy.

ROCKWELL KENT — NORMAN ROCKWELL. Norman Rockwell is a highly respected and leading American artist and illustrator. His covers frequently appear on the Saturday Evening Post. His name has NEVER, repeat NEVER, been connected with any communist front or disloyal activity or organization. On the other hand, ROCKWELL KENT has the doubtful distinction of having lent his name, or of having been connected in some manner with eighty-five communist front organizations. According to the House Un-American Activities Committee's "Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace" report, issued April 19, 1949, ROCKWELL KENT appears to be undisputed heavyweight

champion frontier of all times. LANGSTON HUGHES, ROBERT MORRIS LOVETT and DONALD OGDEN STEWART, according to the same Congressional source, could boast of only some 71 to 80 affiliations. (See pages 17-18 of above mentioned report.) A Legion Post recently passed a resolution erroneously confusing the two names. All Legionnaires and other fair-minded Americans should be most scrupulously careful to avoid mistakes in identity in cases involving allegations of communist front organization activity. Check your facts.

NATIONAL GUARDIAN. This Wallaceite publication, now in its second year, has deviated from the communist party line as laid down by the Daily Worker so infrequently in its first sixty issues, and only in such minor and unimportant matters, that its chemical analysis of Stalinoid purity works out mathematically to about 99.986. Considerably better than the famous soap (not a paid advertisement), but not quite as good as the recent Soviet election majorities of 99.99 percent. So this weekly still has a "progressive" goal to shoot for.

RANK AND FILE VETERANS. For the past several years, hundreds of postal cards have been mailed from St. Paul to various Americans including top Legionnaires signed, "RANK AND FILE VETERANS." Most of the mimeographed material on these cards is of a scurrilous and defamatory nature. Government authorities feel that the mailings, while objectionable, are not indictable. The mailer is believed to be one JOHN KRYZAK. It is a one man operation.

LANGSTON HUGHES. This "poet" will be remembered for his truly remarkable "Good Bye! Christ" literary effort some years ago. The House Un-American Activities Committee report on the Waldorf-Astoria CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE FOR PEACE, previously mentioned in this Summary, lists HUGHES as having been affiliated with seventy-one to eighty various communist front organizations. Langston has now written a book, — SIMPLE SPEAKS HIS MIND. Published by Simon & Schuster, and naturally given a full double

column laudatory review in the New York Times for April 20 by Charles Poore.  
NOT RECOMMENDED! From our cursory observation, not even fair "reading".

ANVIL. A new "Student Anti-War Quarterly" with which Student Partisan has merged. Published by the New York Student Federation Against War, 247 Lexington Avenue, New York. Claimed circulation 5,000. Ultra-left in the political spectrum but anti-Stalinist. Some nine Socialist and Trotskyite youth groups are reputedly behind this magazine. The 1950 Spring Quarter issue contains a long article deriding the communist efforts to control and manipulate the recent New York CONFERENCE ON DEMOCRACY IN EDUCATION. Seems like all the student lefties ganged up on the Stalinists and took the show away from them.

RESISTANCE. "An anarchist review supported solely by voluntary contributions. Subscriptions are free upon request." Address: Box 208 Cooper Station, New York 3, New York. The editors are listed simply as the "Resistance Group". D. Wieck is the secretary. Of interest only to specialists.

COMMITTEE OF 1000 TEACHERS. Some one once wearily observed that keeping track of new communist fronts was a day-to-day, loose-leaf-record sort of task. As fast as a list is compiled, new fronts proliferate like mushrooms after a spring rainfall. New York recently suspended a few communist teachers on grounds of alleged subversive activity. They had hardly put their hats on and left their classrooms before a "COMMITTEE OF 1,000 TEACHERS" popped up out of nowhere, or should we say out of Stalin's red hat? Every teacher member of this outfit pledges to contribute \$10.00 a month to fight the discharge of eight Stalinist teachers.

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## THE WORLD COMMUNIST FRONT

Soviet propaganda continues its previously reported two-faced character. While the Moscow and satellite country radio stations step up their strident screams of rage and hatred against everything American, the more sedate theoretical journals, which lay down the "line" for pro-Soviet apologists and appeasers all over the world, continue to harp on the peaceful co-existence theme. That the latter "line" is purely sedative and soporific to lull the West to sleep is now becoming increasingly plain to all intelligent and informed people.

Pravda quotes Stalin to prove that Russia desires only peace and understanding with America. Meanwhile shooting down an unarmed American naval plane with ten American boys. Pravda claims: "It is the war-mongers from the camp of imperialism who are doing everything possible to poison and heat up the international situation." New Times valiantly supports Pravda in this argument by accusing President Truman of "cold-bloodedly preaching cold war and repeating the most unpardonable anti-Soviet slanders." Says New Times: "The President unambiguously indicated that he considers hatred of the Soviet Union and support of the cold war the patriotic duty of Congressmen."

The Soviet magazine, Bolshevik fishes up a thirty year old quotation from Lenin (now dead twenty-six years) that if the American capitalists keep their hands off the infant Soviet state, the Soviets would leave America alone. The Bolshevik regime at that time was two years old and was still fighting a number of White Armies with most of Russia prostrate and in complete economic chaos. The Russians were then too weak to attack even Finland or Poland, let alone the United States which had just helped lick Imperial Germany and her allies.



Apparently without bothering to read what the other official Soviet journals were saying, the Komsomolska Pravda, organ of Soviet Red youth, lets the cat out of the bag by issuing the following instructions to young communists all over the world; quoting also from Lenin:

"Master all forms of struggle—the art of armed uprising and revolutionary use of the most reactionary trade unions and parliaments, a skilled combination of legal and illegal forms."

A trade union paper, Trud points out that Stalin's words are immutable law and for the benefit of world communists quotes the Great Vozhd as follows:

"A revolutionary is he who without reservations, unconditionally, openly and honestly, without secret military conference, is ready to defend the U.S.S.R. because the U.S.S.R. is first in the world, a proletarian revolutionary state which is building socialism. An internationalist is he who without hesitation, without conditions, is ready to defend the U.S.S.R. because the U.S.S.R. is the basis of the world revolutionary movement and to defend this revolutionary movement is impossible without defending the U.S.S.R."

All these apparent contradictions in the official Soviet line can perhaps best be summed up as being illustrative of the high order of communist ideological flexibility or the tactical advantages of materialistic dialectics. Lenin's famous treatise "One step backward — two steps forward" should be studied by those interested in communist dialectics.

#### THE BATTLE LINES

While preaching peace and reconciliation in western Europe, the world war is being stepped up in India. Indian authorities claim that about 2,000 persons meet violent deaths each month at the hands of communist thugs in certain parts of India. Open, but undeclared war is raging in South Central India with some 2,500 villages in the hands of murderous communist fanatics. Ninety-one cases of communist sabotage and wrecking were reported on the Indian railways during the last six months. The recent bloody Hindu-Moslem massacres and religious riots are now attributed to communist instigation in order to divide and weaken that country.

A vast and well-financed Soviet espionage and diversionist network in Iran is contributing to the increasing woes of that country. Chabik Oganessian, who poses as a trustee of the Armenian Orthodox Church in Teheran, is reputedly at the head of the whole Soviet Fifth Column in Persia. Under him work Daniel Simonovich Komissarov, First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, Shukr Sukhangoyev, Director of Soviet Information Bureau, and a host of lesser spies, saboteurs, and demoralization experts. Foreign experts fear that the next Soviet push may come in Iran while attention and concern is centered on Berlin and Southeast Asia.

Thailand, or former Siam, is also reported as being heavily infiltrated with Soviet agents preparing the way there for a communist seizure of power once Ho Chi Minh conquers all of French Indo-China. Both countries are important rice producers and vital to the masters of Red China as a granary for their starving millions. Thai has a population of about eight million, of which number 3,000,000 are Chinese. The Siamese Communist Party and most of its guerrillas are Chinese in close contact with Mao Tze Tung and Ho Chi Minh. Most of the Chinese language press in Thailand is pro-communist and heavily stresses the weakness and inability of America to hold China against the rise of "inevitable world communism." Orientals are always impressed and convinced by demonstrations of power and the sweep of communism over China has made a profound impression on their thinking. Thailand is 85% Buddhist and many Buddhist priests are already reported as slyly peddling the pro-Soviet line. They stress the close similarity between the tenets of communism and the preachings of Gautama or Buddha, just as so-called Christian preachers of a pro-communist tinge in this country attempt to identify the tenets of Christ with that of "universal brotherhood" under communism.

British businessmen, who plugged for quick recognition of Red China, probably in hopes of salvaging something of their tremendous investments in that country and beating Uncle Sam to whatever business might develop with the

Chinese communists, are now bitterly complaining of big losses. Investments worth hundreds of millions are now virtually lost. Doing business with communists was not as easy and lucrative as the British bourgeoisie hoped. English businessmen wrote off losses of \$450,000,000 in Shanghai alone. They probably never heard of the old Russian proverb: "He who sups with the Devil must have a very long spoon." No one in the West has ever succeeded in inventing a spoon long enough to get anything whatever out of the communist bowl. Russia dangled billions of fat profits before the eyes of American businessmen in the lean years of 1931-1932 if the United States would only recognize the gangster regime of Stalin. We did, although the American Legion strongly opposed such recognition. The fat profits which would help us out of the depression? ---- They just faded away like a will-o'-the-wisp. What we got was a Fifth Column of spies and diversionists running into thousands, most of them supported on American payrolls.

As previously reported in this Summary, communism is making rapid gains in the Near East. Dr. Malik of Lebanon has warned the United Nations that the Russians might launch their next major drive in the Middle East. Dr. Malik is chief of the Libanese delegation. He criticized the handling of America's Point Four program as "an ideal preparation for the advance of communism." Iraq, outflanking strategic Turkey on the east, remains another potential danger point of Russian aggression.

In Europe. Most of the 5,000 or more Greek communist guerillas are now reported being reformed in Bulgaria. Stories of gigantic fortifications along the Baltic coasts of Latvia and Esthonia are considered exaggerated by refugees slipping out of those countries. Bloody purges of top communist leaders suspected of Titoite sympathies have wiped out most of the old line leadership in Bulgaria and to a lesser extent in Rumania. A merciless witch hunt for communist heretics continues in nearly every Soviet satellite country.

The fate of top Polish Communists Gomułka and Spychalski and Czech communist leader Clementis remain shrouded in deep mystery. Special M.V.D. military units have wiped out over 100,000 Ukrainian underground resistance fighters and have deported to Siberia, under the most brutal conditions, another estimated 300,000 Ukrainian patriots. As a result, the Ukrainian underground, callously abandoned by the West, is almost completely disorganized and will probably be liquidated by M.V.D. terror before the end of the year, thus losing to the West the largest, most militant, and successful of Fifth Columns inside of Russia.

Meanwhile Karl von Wiegand reports a wave of gloom and defeatism sweeping over Western Europe. Part of this is probably traceable to the endless barrage of clever Soviet propaganda dinned into the ears of Europeans, night and day, at all levels of society and by every medium of mass communication. Much of it can be attributed to war weariness, economic dislocations, "nerves", lack of decision and initiative on the part of western leadership, the mass murders, purges, and terror behind the Iron Curtain, and general feelings of hopelessness and apathy. Many Italians and Frenchmen are already reported grumbling: "If the Americans won't permit the Germans to fight for the defense of their own country when Russia attacks, why should I lay down my life while Uncle Sam, who is far away, takes his time in getting ready?" Others simply say: "Two devastating European wars in one generation are enough! Let Russia and America fight this one out by themselves over in the Pacific away from what is left of shattered Europe." Students of mass psychological warfare will recognize the deadly potency of such propaganda if left to demoralize populations without a powerful antidote.

Small wonder that Bernard Baruch stated in a recent speech that the U.S. was staggering "from one crisis to another with the initiative left to the enemy." Speaking before the staff of the Naval War College, the Elder Statesman and advisor to Presidents, felt that America was spreading itself

too thin and hence was unable to achieve a decision anywhere. In order to win the cold war, which he too felt we were losing, Baruch urged the formation of a "General Staff for peace headed by some one of the stature of General George Marshall." Mr. Baruch also was of the opinion that another war would not begin with a sudden blitz attack on the United States, but that it would break out as a result of open civil war instigated somewhere by the Soviet Union. Mr. Baruch also pointed out that the words "total diplomacy" were meaningless, unless we mobilized not only public opinion but the necessary economic, military, and political resources and applied these resources to an over-all global strategy. "That is not being done" he added, "and I doubt that it will be done unless some central peace-making agency is created."

U.S. Commissioner John McCloy admits that Soviet propaganda has scored a major victory in Western Germany. Most western German papers have started to adopt the line that the East-West struggle is none of Germany's business and that prostrate and ruined Germany must at all costs not become a battlefield between the two world forces, particularly in an atomic war. English pinko's and anti-Americans are having some small success complaining about the conduct of American troops in that country and the folly of making concentrated and heavily populated England the first target for Soviet atomic bombers in an East-West war. Other demoralizers, both pro-Soviet and cynical, are whispering that America and Russia are now making or will shortly reach a secret agreement behind the backs of the rest of Europe to divide the world into two spheres of interest without benefit of consultation with those being sold out. This insidious "plague on both your houses" line has already been sounded in this country by leading "progressives" like Wallace, Rogge, and others. It also is the present line of the Trotskyites, I.W.W., and other anti-Stalinist radicals.

A very important but curiously overlooked sector of the cold war front has recently been receiving considerable attention in Victor Riesel's column.

There are hundreds of thousands of Russian and other D.P.s. in Europe and this country. While they have been screened for loyalty our intelligence agencies, at least according to Riesel, have overlooked or missed some excellent sources of very important intelligence among knowledgeable D.P.s. DeCourcy, the British intelligence expert, for example, makes a speciality of contacting and tapping top level Russian fugitives including Red Army officers. There are at present over 15,000 Russian fugitives in England all of whom fled Russia after the end of war. Many are extremely important sources of information.

Elsewhere around the globe Malaya has decreed the death penalty for communists caught at sabotage or engaged in terrorism. The Union of South Africa is laying plans to outlaw communism in that country. Australia is likewise planning to ban the Red Fascists. Canadian Parliament turned down a proposal to illegalize their commies. The Republic of Panama is moving to outlaw Stalinists in that strategic country. Soviet agents are reported as extremely active and successful in Nigeria, the Gold Coast, French Equatorial Africa and other central African colonies. The Addis Ababa Embassy of the U.S.S.R. is reported to house over 450 staff members, many of them posing as "physicians" interested only in alleviating Ethiopian poor health conditions.

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#### THE HOME SECTOR

A most difficult and trying period is ahead for the nation's handful of informed anti-communists. There is a distinct trend in newspaper and magazine editorials to play up the theme "The commies are on the run." Editorial thinking of one of the country's largest circulation magazines in a recent private conversation was that "The Communists are now pretty well exposed and Americans as a whole are on the alert. The real enemy is creeping socialism." John T. Flynn's book, "The Road Ahead" has given enormous impetus

to this dangerous delusion and diversion. Surely the American public by and large are as much opposed to Socialism in any form as they are to Communism. The main difficulty is that while most informed Americans can agree on a positive definition and identification of pro-Soviet, seditious Communism, the term "Socialism" today has become one of broadest interpretation and bitterest controversy.

Are old age pensions, unemployment and relief benefits, and similar social security measures "socialism"? Is the TVA "socialism"? Then the Panama Canal and the U.S. Post Office are also socialism. This is a controversy clearly beyond the scope of a summary on Communist activity, but it must be obvious to any fairminded person that any such controversy over any "new" danger to our way of life can become dangerously divisive of our national unity and ultimately play only into the hands of Stalin and his master plotters. The answer to the whole "creeping socialism" argument is quite simple. You have loose in your neighborhood a homicidal maniac who has already killed several of your neighbors and who has openly threatened to wipe out you and your family. There is no police force and your terrorized neighbors have been unable to get together to restrain and confine the mass murderer.

There is also a gang of slick swindlers operating in your neighborhood. They have already defrauded and victimized several of your neighbors out of their life's savings and pauperized them. BUT THEY ARE NOT MURDERERS AND THEY CAN BE EXPOSED AND THWARTED. They present no physical threat. The mass murdering maniac is world communism. The swindlers and confidence men after your property are the socialists. Both are your enemies. Who is the more dangerous? To argue that the swindler is the fellow to be worried about and to forget about the maniac because his identity is now known and everyone knows what he is up to is obviously dangerous nonsense. ESPECIALLY

SO IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE HOMICIDAL MANIAC HAS ALREADY KILLED SWINDLERS AS WELL AS HONEST FOLK WITH ABSOLUTE IMPARTIALITY, AND THAT THUS FAR NOBODY HAS BEEN ABLE TO STOP HIM WHILE THE SOCIALISTS HAVE BEEN THROWN FOR A LOSS IN NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, GREAT BRITAIN, AND ELSEWHERE.

Contrary to press reports, the American communists are not on the run!! The morale of the "hard inner core" of real, seasoned Bolsheviks remains high. They thrive on adversity and persecution. The fair weather Bolsheviks and faint hearts have dropped out of the party to the tune of fifteen or twenty thousand. Their departure probably represents a strengthening of the tougher core which remains. The American C.P. is not an isolated and independent movement dependent upon and influenced by American public opinion. It is an integral part of a dynamic world movement embracing twenty million disciplined quasi-military revolutionists and firmly based on the solid rock foundation of the Soviet power. In their inner party talks with no outsiders present, the communists are worried and concerned but they are not frightened or panicky. They have deep wells of Leninist inspiration and Stalinist world power and prestige to draw upon. Much of the present misconception and stories of low communist morale springs from bourgeois inability to understand communist psychology. They erroneously attribute to the communists, psychological reactions and feelings which they would have if they were in the same tough spot as the communists. A real communist conceives of himself as an early Christian martyr and he fully expects to have to cover the same bitter and painful road that the early Bolsheviks in Russia had to struggle along on their road to ultimate power. They cannot and will not be deflected from that dynamic drive to power until they run into a greater and stronger counter-force of world opposition.

#### THE CRUX OF THE PROBLEM

The whole crux of our problem is that so few, altogether too few,



Americans understand the whole complex problem posed by the rise of world communism. Everybody is against cancer or cholera. Merely hating or disliking these two diseases, however, does not qualify one to diagnose or treat even a minor cancer case or to devise ways and means to prevent spreading of a plague. This is obviously a job for experts. A high order of intelligence or brilliant scientific attainments in astrophysics, higher mathematics, or engineering still will not make a cancer expert. The highest order of intelligence, patriotism, and achievements in other fields of human endeavor DOES NOT NECESSARILY QUALIFY ANYONE AS AN EXPERT ON THE WHOLE VAST PROBLEM POSED BY WORLD COMMUNISM, embracing as it does a totally new form of warfare, conducted by a new form of fanatical religion, operating entirely independent of previous economic and political laws and largely submerged and hidden from view by a vast world-wide and totally new form of mass conspiracy.

The world communist problem involves twenty million devotees to Marxist-Leninist-Stalinism in every civilized and partly civilized land on the globe. Its underground conspirative, espionage, terrorist, and related agencies employ probably over a million human beings. Its agents have been uncovered high in our State Department, in the Parliament of Canada, as leading British nuclear scientists, and in short are today liberally sprinkled through every strata and cross section of our society from top to bottom. Behind it stands the military might of the Soviet power and its eleven satellite states totalling possibly eight million armed men. Its guerillas are fighting from the jungles of Viet Nam to the mountains of Greece. What a few Americans are now beginning to realize is that this new monstrous world empire, embracing one-third of the human race and controlling the largest continuous land mass of the globe, cannot be fought with a few denunciatory speeches and annual resolutions, or pamphlets extolling the American way of life. That's merely blowing spitballs at a battleship.

Communism is a new and terrible disease of the human mind and spirit.

Experts are now generally agreed that much of its success, up to the present time, can be squarely attributed to the ignorance, apathy, confusion and indecision of the rest of the non-communist world upon which it preys and devours. Everyone today, down to the veriest dolt and ignoramus, has an opinion on the cause and cure of communism. Only a licensed plumber in most American cities is permitted by law to repair a simple break in a sanitary line and no one but a college-trained and certificated dentist may pull a tooth. But any person, whether he be a complete ignoramus or a brilliantly endowed intellectual, is listened to with respect if he has any ideas on how to combat communism. We don't go to a Hottentot for engineering advice on how to build a Panama Canal. And Eskimos, while they may be estimable human beings fully capable of maintaining life in the Arctic, are of little technical value in combatting leprosy in the South Seas.

There obviously are and can be only three general categories of experts on world communism: 1. Top-ranking communists — the lower echelons are mere foot soldiers blindly carrying out orders. 2. Former top-ranking communists. Most former communists were small fry whose brief party life is of small value for counter-intelligence purposes. 3. A small corps of heterogeneous experts ranging from a few top specialists to men and women with some experience and knowledge of value only in connection with certain aspects of the problem. These experts are either F.B.I. or other government agents. People like Max Eastman, Eugene Lyons, Fred Woltman, and others who have spent twenty-five or more years in close observation and study of the problem, who have thoroughly read and understand Marxism-Leninist literature, and a few labor leaders and others who have had the benefit of at least twenty or more years of close association and contact with communists. There are less than a thousand of these non-government experts in the whole United States. There are, of course, all sorts of self-claimed "experts" including paranoiacs, anti-

Semitic crackpots, and bad psycho cases. Small wonder that the Daily Worker and other communist publications habitually use ironic quotation marks around the words anti-communist expert.

The top leadership of the communist conspiracy is not available for consultative advice on how to extirpate their odious conspiracy. Likewise, the F.B.I. and government experts are not available to the general American public. That leaves only two sources to draw upon: the former top-ranking communists and such few real experts as are available. At this point, it should be borne in mind that while Stalin's Fifth Column has operated a number of schools and academies for subversion in this country for the past thirty years THERE IS NOT A SINGLE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY WHICH GIVES AS MUCH AS A MONTH'S SOLID TRAINING IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE WORLD COMMUNIST PROBLEM. Our colleges and schools stand ready to teach Sanscrit, Egyptology, Sixth Century Chinese art, and Fourteenth Century Persian poetry as well as thousands of other similar courses BUT NOT ONE IS PREPARED TO TEACH REFUTATION OF THE WHOLE MARXIST FRAUD, COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY, MARXIAN DIALECTICS, OR THE CAUSE AND CURE OF COMMUNISM. Is it any wonder that we are losing the cold war and that the air is rent with babble and confusion about communism and what should be done about it? Can you imagine a world without doctors or medical training and every man an expert on the cause and cure of every disease and ailment known to mankind?

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#### THE NEW YORK MAY DAY PARADE

This year's May Day Parade of the red fascists was the smallest and most spiritless in history. Police and newspaper estimates varied from ten to eighteen thousand, with the latter figure probably closest to correct. The commies claimed 75,000 as against their boast last year of 100,000 in

line. There were some repeaters who hopped the subway or rode special trucks back up Eighth Avenue to march a second time. For the first time the police gave the reds only the west half of Eighth Avenue, keeping truck traffic moving up on the east side of the street. The expensive and large floats of previous years were missing.

The parade started off promptly at 2:20 p.m., and the last stragglers plodded past the reviewing stand in "Red Square" on the south side of 17th Street shortly after 7:00 p.m. All the party's big-wigs were assembled in the reviewing stand, shouting encouragement in turn through a loudspeaker as each new contingent swung into the square. A favorite theme was their militancy and zeal and the deplorable fact that many thousands more were marching in spirit as "police terror" and job loss intimidation had kept them out of line. This was true because observers noted the absence of many old time communists.

The International Furriers Union, I.W.O., Local #65 of the Wholesale and Warehouse Union, the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union, and the Labor Youth League had the largest contingents in the parade. The A.F.L. Bakers, Jewelry Workers, Hotel Workers and the I.L.G.W.U. had sizable representations, some of them displaying official union banners. Leon STRAUSS, commander-in-chief of the Peekskill armed workers' guard, marched stiffly at the head of his fur-workers.

Various foreign language groups in native costumes lent some color to an otherwise drab show. A small group of Chinese communist musicians getting a big hand from the sympathizers among the otherwise unimpressed spectators. Some 300 or more communists marched in various full uniforms of the Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and other services. Many others wore mixed outfits: an Army or WAC blouse complete with service ribbons and a civilian skirt or trousers. Highest ranking officers in full uniform

were an Army Major and a Navy Commander. (The armed services apparently had been unable to muster up sufficient courage to yank these characters out of line and to demand military identification papers establishing their right to wear the country's uniform. There had been some talk last year that the Defense Department might do this.)

Photographers, both movie and still, swarmed all over the place. Every marcher, by conservative estimate, must have been mugged at least twenty times by as many different outfits. Photographers were noted perched in second story windows grinding away thousands of feet of film. Even though it was the smallest parade in C.P. history the commies could certainly boast that it was the best photographed.

Very few C.P. units marched under official banners. Red flags were conspicuously absent. County delegations marched behind signs which euphemistically stated: "Kings County United Labor and May Day Committee" or some such similar dodge. Missing too was the doleful dirge of the Internationale, Arise Ye Prisoners of Starvation. At least this staff observer did not hear it once, although a few bands manfully struggled along with various Russian marching tunes. The marchers themselves sang "Solidarity Forever", "We Shall Not Be Moved", "Hold The Fort" and other union songs. To old timers it might have been nothing more than a neighborhood parade — there was not a clenched fist salute in the whole slovenly crew.

The LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE, composed entirely of young students and several thousand strong, was easily the noisiest and most zealous delegation. Some of the young commy girls showing a little of the old fire and spirit with blazing eyes and shouted slogans. White peace doves were a favorite propaganda device. "To Hell with the H-bomb!" was another. Signs denouncing the Mundt Bill in various slogans were also in great profusion. In order to keep in

step most of the robots droned over and over again "One-two-three-four, we don't wanna 'nother war! Five-six-seven-eight, we don't wanna fascist state." It did not sound particularly inspiring to the blase onlookers.

A few medieval eggs and superannuated tomatoes were tossed at the Stalinists by "young fascist hooligans" in the neighborhood of 17th Street and Seventh Avenue. A few Irishmen in Chelsea beer saloons left their schooners at the bar long enough to come out and hurl a few mild imprecations at the reds and a few high school girls hissed and booed. Otherwise, it was the quietest and most colorless communist parade since 1930.

The U.S. Court of Appeals has set June 21st to 23rd as the dates on which it would hear the appeal arguments of the eleven convicted top C.P. leaders. Judges Learned Hand, H. B. Chase, and Thomas Swann will listen to the appeal arguments.

The New York Appellate Division has disbarred ALGER HISS from practicing as an attorney in the State of New York. Hiss is free on bail pending appeal of his conviction last January 25th. He is reportedly working in the law offices of Helen Buttenwieser, wife of the Assistant High Commissioner for Germany. Asked for a statement, Hiss is quoted as saying, "no comment".

The American Legion's revocation of the Duncan-Paris Post No. 1422 charter was upheld by the N. Y. Appellate Court. The commy-organized Post's temporary charter was lifted in 1946 and the case has been dragging through the courts ever since. Post Commander Marion Hargrove later resigned because of what he felt were indubitable communist influences in the Post.

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## WHAT THE COMMIES ARE SAYING AND DOING

During the past month, the Daily Worker has stepped up its "Truman-must-talk-peace-with-Stalin propaganda line." "Pushing the peace line" is now a full time C.P. directive. Rising unemployment and the misery of jobless workers, whose relief checks have run out, is another favorite theme. Soviet Economist Varga, long in eclipse for predicting a temporary stabilization of American capitalism, is now back in good grace again. Writing in Pravda of May 10th, Varga opines that "American monopolies through the Marshall Plan and other devices are ruining the economies of all other capitalist nations and driving the United States itself into grips with a tremendous crisis." ECONOMIC NOTES, the official economic dope sheet for the party liners, also has heavy gobs of gloom to serve up. All capitalist sources are carefully combed for the worst bad news items which are given a big play. Falling farm prices, rising unemployment, the biggest Federal Government deficit in history, all these items are sweet music to the commies.

Whole columns of the D.W. have been devoted to attacking the Mundt subversive activities control bill still buried in the Senate. Attacks on Secretary of State Dean Acheson have been increasing. Pages of precious space were given over to tear-jerkers and howls of anguish over the outrageous ousting of eight N.Y. City school teachers on grounds of suspected C.P. activity. Counterattack's persistent drive to clean some of the worst communists and camp followers off the radio and TV programs also has come in for bitter Stalinist denunciation. The campaign to clean up radio must be hurting. The Supreme Court's ruling upholding the constitutionality of the Taft-Hartley non-communist affidavit "was clearly a big step to fascism" as well as "laying the legal basis for a police state" the Daily Worker moaned.

The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin's one day red fascist seizure of power in Mosinee, Wisconsin, really hit the comrades hard. It was a "Goebbels' Nuremberg spectacle" and only showed what life in America would be like under the fascist Mundt Bill. It is seldom that the editorial tone of the Daily Worker betrays inner hurt and alarm. They even complained "if the workers could only experience communism for one day they would never want to live under capitalism again." They even asked for a chance to take over Mosinee and run it for a day to prove what really nice boys they actually are! Nor do the tovarichi like Arthur Goodfriend's book "If You Were Born In Russia", just published. It must be a good book because the commies call it "snide, cheap, cynical, a dirty sham, filthy accusation, and the ranting of an unclean mind."

In the apportionment of space in their main dailies the Stalinists are now giving second most space and spot priority to phony peace items and coverage of various Partisans of Peace confabs all over the world. Defense items, i.e., the general category of commies in trouble, still heads the priority list. Negro and racial items has dropped to third place in importance. Unemployment and economic distress items in 16th or 17th place of importance last fall has slowly been rising and is now in seventh place of communist precedence.

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MONTHLY ANALYSIS OF COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA

	Column Inches
1. Trials, appeals, arrests, Loyalty program, commies in trouble .....	2375
2. Phony "peace" offensive, World Partisans of Peace, etc. ....	1450
3. Negro and racial minority items .....	1285
4. Union items, strikes, Taft-Hartley repeal, commy unions, etc. ....	1015
5. Attacks on C.I.O., AFL and other non-C.P. unions and leaders .....	835
6. Attacks on U.S. foreign policy, E.C.A., Atlantic Pact, etc. ....	705
7. Unemployment, wage cuts, lay-offs, "depression is here now" items..	590
8. Foreign C.P.s, Viet Nam, Greece, Germany, etc. ....	520
9. H.C.L., rent gouges, evictions, housing scarcity .....	455
10. Straight C.P. line propaganda, unclassifiable .....	325
11. Attacks on Truman Administration, Congress, State governments .....	315
12. American Labor Party, Wallace, Progressive Party, C.P. in politics.	270
13. Israel and items of Jewish interest .....	250
14. Attacks on anti-communists, F.B.I. informants, H.U.A.C., Legion ...	250
15. Morale disintegration material, "nothing in U.S. any good" items ..	230
16. C.P. program, party life, fund drives, personalities .....	180
17. Attacks on non-C.P. foreign governments, Italy, France, England ...	175
18. Straight pro-Soviet propaganda, items on Soviet satellites, etc. ...	160
19. Attacks on the Vatican, Catholic Church, A.C.T.U., etc.,...less than	100

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POLITICAL AFFAIRS FOR MAY, 1950

The entire 175 page edition of Political Affairs for May was given over to reports made to the plenary session of the National Committee (Politburo) of the C.P., U.S.A. The following extracts and comments are of general reader interest. Specialists should read this issue carefully. Foster's keynote message advises the comrades that "unemployment is rapidly becoming a decisive national issue. This means that we must pay close attention to this basic question, carefully working out our policies for organizing the unemployed and leading them in their struggles." Communists also must be keen to exploit the Negro question, Foster warns, as it has become a basic international issue. The "monstrous Mundt Bill presents an urgent and immediate danger" and all communists and their supporters must mobilize a crushing opposition to its passage. Foster takes no liberties with Leninist-Stalinist dogma — the war danger will persist as long as capitalism continues to exist and American imperialists in particular present the chief threat to world peace. The "fight for peace must be in the center of all of our Party's work", Foster warns.

GUS HALL, who has now been elevated to top boss of the American reds since DENNIS has gone to jail, contributes an article entitled, "Through United-Front Struggle to the Victory of Peace!" (Few communist sentences can be grammatically constructed without the word "struggle" in some form or other.) Merely parroting the line he has already read in New Times and For A Lasting Peace, HALL accuses the U.S. government officials as having become "the guardians, saviours, and rehabilitators of Nazi butchers, fascist murderers and cannibalistic generals who manufactured and used deadly, crippling bacteria as a weapon against civilians, women and children. We cannot forget that our land now houses and staffs the political, financial, military, and ideological headquarters of the world camp of reaction, fascism,

and war...We Americans cannot ignore this ugly truth. Wall Street is bent on world conquest and only a "fighting mobilization of the people" can defeat this sinister plot. Nor, is Hall under any illusions about the Mundt-Ferguson Bill. He calls it "the most serious threat to its legal existence that our Party ever faced. We must repeat again to the American people that if this bill becomes law, we will not comply with it, we will not register under it, and also we will not disband." Gus admits that the American C.P. is being buffeted about by the angry waves of reaction but he draws consolation and renewed Bolshevik fighting spirit from the fact that Russia now too has the atomic bomb, the conquest of China by the Reds, and the rising peace movement of the world based on the determination of tens of millions of ordinary people to maintain peaceful relations with the U.S.S.R.

The new fuhrer of the C.P. fascists also utters a stern warning to all party faithful against ever again repeating the unpardonable mistake of voting for a resolution that condemns the Soviet Union as they did recently at the Chicago Progressive conference. Browder is denounced as "an enemy agent who spews forth all this under the label of 'Marxism'". Commies are also to expose the fallacy that the next war will be fought in far-away places with strange-sounding names. Doctors are being trained for atomic warfare right in this country and Americans should be properly scared by belaboring that point, HALL advises. He has nothing but scorn for the "One World Government" fakers, whose slogans stem from the bourgeois cosmopolitanism promoted by Wall Street.

EUGENE DENNIS also contributes a lengthy exhortatory report full of the usual commy cliches and Marxian gobbledegook so dear to all commy theoretical scribblers. DENNIS warns the faithful to be on guard against Browderites and Franklinites. He is full of the usual sage and fatherly bits of advice for "strengthening communist party work" but always in the vaguest of general lines -- nothing "concrete". The ancient old bugaboos of "right wing

opportunism" and "left sectarian attitudes" are trotted out once more for the Marxist neophytes. The litany, "defeat the fascist Mundt Bill", runs all through Dennis' screed. Apparently bitter shafts of attack from the left for adopting a Menshevik type of defense at the recent New York trial of eleven top C.P. leaders nettled Dennis into the frank admission that perhaps the party did make a mistake — "we did not sufficiently defend the historic, democratic right of the people, of the majority, to revolution."

Dennis also lamely admits that in his and Foster's summation "some of our statements are faulty or unhappily formulated, and certainly some formulations are open to misinterpretation." This means, of course, that the boys over in the Kremlin have had time to study the trial record and have sent over their criticisms.

HENRY WINSTON, Orgsec of the C.P., U.S.A., fancies himself quite a Marxist theoretician. His contribution to the plenary session was a long-winded diatribe against the Mundt-Ferguson Bill probably prepared for him by some party hack. The profundities of Henry's lucubrations can best be gauged by such gems as, "The American working class does not want fascism. It wants democracy. The working class does not want war. It wants peace." Henry's figures, if correct, on C.P. membership fluctuations and gains, are of interest. Otherwise, his report is hardly anything to raise steam in the Politburo.

JOHN WILLIAMSON, Trade Union Commissar of the C.P. and another convicted conspirator, contributes an article in the usual dreary communist style. He sees a "growing readiness of the workers to struggle". Commies have been seeing this for thirty years. He, too, is full of Marxist self-criticism along the vaguest general lines of "developing and strengthening and sharpening struggles" around certain party issues of paramount importance.

WILLIAMSON also analyzes and criticizes various strikes last year -- the four-month Hawaii strike was magnificent and flawless. Most of the others came in for varying degrees of criticism reflecting quite accurately the amount of communist influence or control of each strike -- strikes no matter how riotous, costly and long in which the commies were permitted to play no part naturally come in for maximum castigation and abuse. The C.P. is apparently not quite ready yet for a third federation of labor to be formed out of communist unions ousted from the C.I.O. because WILLIAMSON stated, "The issue today is not the organization of a new, Third Federation of Labor."

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr., another convicted communist conspirator and ousted from the N.Y. City Aldermanic Council, adds his mite in the form of the usual hackneyed commy article on the Negro question. As Davis sees it, American imperialists and cannibalistic slave-masters are shaking in their boots at the prospect of the rising black and other colonial masses all over the world. Nor does he think much of Clare Booth Luce -- "That 'glittering' woman of American Century imperialism, that decadent pin-up girl of the reactionary Roman Catholic hierarchy." Much of his spleen is spent on Truman's "sell-out" of the F.E.P.C. and other alleged betrayals of the interests of the Negro masses by the Administration. In typical commy smear style DAVIS daubs the mud brush with happy abandon on Republicans, Trotzkyites, non-communist Negro leaders, Socialists, and everyone else not following the C.P. line. DAVIS also believes that "the Negro people constitute the weakest link in the chain which imperialist reaction is trying to forge at home in preparation for war." All commies, Davis pontificates, must wage "a merciless struggle against the poisonous white chauvinism ideology, sharpening their political sensitivity to all its myriad expressions and unhesitatingly challenging it."

Liveliest and undoubtedly most thought-provoking (to the comrades) report was filed by GIL GREEN, also convicted of conspiracy and out on bail.

Green pleads for sharpened communist vigilance against F.B.I. crummy stool-pigeons and rats." He ruefully admits:

"J. Edgar Hoover exposed only those of his Gestapo agents that were either in secondary positions, had already outlived their usefulness, or had doubles in the organizations into which they had bored. He certainly did not expose his main agents and his network of brother rats."

Green pretends that the C.P. was "shocked" by the revelation that one JOHN LAUTNER, head of their N.Y. Review Commission (G.P.U.) "had been for a good number of years an enemy spy in the ranks of our Party." That stoolpigeons can worm their way into the C.P. doesn't surprise GREEN but he is really shocked that C.P. "methods of work are not conducive to detecting these false elements carrying on their nefarious, destructive activities with complete impunity. Had there been the slightest degree of vigilance in our organization, these enemy agents would have been discovered long ago."

Green is "staggered" by the "gargantuan proportions to which the F.B.I. has grown."

"J. Edgar Hoover is a power unto himself....With his millions of files loaded with inside dope on every politician and reasonably well-known person in the country, he holds a blackmail power over most politicians and both major parties. Thus, Presidents and Congresses come and go, but J. Edgar Hoover and his police-state network become more powerful and more ominous from year to year. The way in which the F.B.I. continues to tap thousands of telephone wires throughout the country, and to wire-for-sound hundreds of private dwellings and meeting places, in direct defiance of the Constitution and the law, indicates to what illegal extents the F.B.I. can and does go with complete impunity."

"The struggle against this police-state apparatus is one which must involve millions of democratic-minded people", Green tells his Politburo. The C.I.A. is another villainous outfit "shrouded in even greater mystery than that of the F.B.I." Green charges that C.I.A. "resorts to every conceivable crime, not stopping at wrecking and sabotage to destroy the democratic movements of the people and to carry through the diabolical plans of Wall Street."

Green also makes some interesting admissions about the use of poison pen letters which seek to undermine the C.P. leadership from within, attributing such sinister devilry to the "Franklins, Darcys, Dunnes, Bedachts" and others. Green also admits that Titoies are making serious inroads "among certain middle class intellectuals who, seeking some way to 'prove' that they are not communists, are becoming supporters of Tito." Green's solution to all these vexing problems is to base the party squarely on the working class in the basic industries.

PETTIS PERRY'S sub-report to the Plenum belabored the familiar old "white chauvinism" theme. FRED FINE made a verbal report of the 1950 elections. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN has some ideas on how "MASS ACTION CAN FREE THE ELEVEN!" LEON WOFSY offers some profound thoughts on "UNITY OF THE WORKING YOUTH FOR PEACE, JOBS, AND DEMOCRACY." PHIL BART brings up the rear with a booster sales talk on how to "MAKE THE COMMUNIST PRESS A POWERFUL ORGAN OF STRUGGLE."

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#### INCIDENTAL INTELLIGENCE

The Second All-American Conference held in Chicago, May 13-14, laid the practical groundwork for the setting up of a continuing organization based on some sixty national organizations jointly to combat communism on a scale never before attempted in this country. Complete reports on this Conference will be made in the magazine, news clip sheets, and other Legion releases.

Efficiency of communist spying was vividly demonstrated by the fact that the Daily Worker of May 8 was able to print pictures of "armed" navy Privateer planes at Kastrop, Denmark, allegedly taken April 12. It took just 25 days to rush the picture to Moscow, get a clearance, and mail it back to

New York for D.W. cuts. The pictures merely show machine gun turrets — nothing to indicate live ammo was carried.

Aleksei Zakharov, President of AMTORG, sailed for home suddenly on May 10th. A dozen furtive and grim-looking Russians accompanied Zakharov and his wife to the steamer. Zak was one of the six convicted AMTORG officials arrested by the Federal Government last fall for failing to register as foreign agents. Charges were dropped on request of the State Department and even the \$10,000 fine levied by a Federal Judge was remitted also upon State Department request.

The new 1950-51 WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA still carries the name of ALGER HISS. No mention of his trial and conviction. The official organ of the AMERICAN PEACE SOCIETY on the other hand has quietly dropped Alger's name from its back cover list of Board of Directors.

The State Department has issued a 726 page book entitled, POSTWAR FOREIGN POLICY PREPARATION, price \$3.75. It documents the year-by-year foreign policy planning of the United States which on this record apparently assumed that peaceful and friendly relations with the Soviet Union would continue indefinitely after the end of World War II. An interesting feature of this volume is the number of committees and conferences in which HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH, self-confessed Soviet spy, ALGER HISS, and others since named as possible leaks to Soviet spies, played important parts.

All Russian officers in charge of Soviet slave labor camps are being required to learn some English, according to a German POW who spent five years in Siberia. Russian guards told him that the Soviets expect war with the West within four or five years and that Russian POW camps will then be filled with Americans and British prisoners captured in Europe.



Former inmates of Soviet slave labor camps who escaped and are now living in the United States have formed a very exclusive organization of their own. Membership will be limited to inmates of Russian slave labor camps. The new group calls itself the ASSOCIATION OF FORMER PRISONERS OF SOVIET SLAVE LABOR CAMPS. Its address was not given in the news item. It hopes to make speakers available to tell Americans what life is like in Russia's "rehabilitation and corrective camps for politically disaffected."

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#### QUIPS AND BITS -- THE LIGHTER SIDE

"The freedom in the very air of the Soviet Union is the first thing that the foreigner senses on visiting the U.S.S.R." (Recent Soviet broadcast.)

The May issue of Political Affairs apologizes for the non-appearance of its April issue "due to circumstances over which the publishers had no control." Comrades -- have you never read Lenin's famous dictum: "There is no fortress which a Bolshevik cannot storm!"

A staid Federal court in San Francisco was turned into a near forum for the revolution on May 2nd when May Day exaltation apparently went to the head of an ex-communist charged with attempted witness intimidation. Mrs. Jean Murray, age 33, was in court to have a trial date set on charges that she had tried to silence government witness Mervyn Rathborne in the Harry Bridges trial. Mrs. Murray went Bolshevik berserk and screamed: "Workers arise! ... prepare yourself for the revolution." She struck and kicked three deputies and an attorney as she was hustled to the booby hatch for observation. A few hours later the California C.P. issued a statement stating that Mrs. Murray had been expelled from the C.P. in 1945 as a "shady political adventuress and Trotzkyite."

No commies in Swat. An older generation will recall the famous humorous poem on the death of the Akhoond of Swat. Swat is a small and happy country in northwest India ruled by an Akhoond. The present ruler is Wali Mian Gul Abdul Haq Jahan Zeb. Nice name. Swat has a half million inhabitants and according to the Wali not a commy in the lot. In fact, they have never heard of Communism! Ah, blessed land of Swat. There are no income taxes in Swat and education is free to the tenth grade.

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#### WHAT YOU CAN DO TO COMBAT COMMUNISM

Get details from the National Americanism Commission on the All-American Conference to Combat Communism and formulate with your local organizations a similar organization at community level.

Emulate the Kenosha Legion plan of co-ordinating all community organizations into a joint enterprise to bring a series of nationally prominent speakers to your community to bring you the latest facts and advice on how to expose and combat Stalin's Fifth Column in this country. In Kenosha each organization contributed \$10.00 or less to the kitty which was then used to bring Ben Gitlow from New York to address a mass Americanism rally in a local high school.

Most libraries are still woefully weak in good, solid anti-communist and truthful books about Russia and Soviet imperialism. The Orange County Council of the California Legion has drawn up an extensive program for buying American books and donating them to the local libraries known as the "American Legion Book of the Month" club. Many libraries operate on skimpy budgets. Often their purchases are woefully inadequate. Each Post plans to buy at least one good book a month. Titles can be secured from the National Americanism

Division's new Recommended Reading List. Books can be purchased through the American Legion's own Book Service in care of the Washington Office. Donated books are stamped to indicate they are Legion gifts. Twenty Orange County Posts have already participated in the "American Legion Book of the Month" plan. What is your Post doing?

The defense of Mrs. John T. McCullough's trial is now dragging into its fourth week with several more weeks to go. Contributions to Mrs. McCullough have thus far fallen short of her expenses by over \$2,000.00 and she still faces heavy lawyers' fees. All donations should be made out directly to: MRS. JOHN T. McCULLOUGH, PARSONAGE ROAD, GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT. Most contributions thus far have been in small amounts from people of obviously limited means. Only three wealthy people have made sizable contributions. Some incredibly timorous folk have been afraid to send her money for fear that they might be sued. Page Casper Milquetoast! This woman needs your financial assistance now.

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The most significant thing is not whether he carries a commie card, but whether he carries a commie "line".

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *SL*

DATE: June 6, 1950

FROM : L. R. Pennington *LRP*SUBJECT: ALLEGED PLANNED ~~MOCK~~ ATOMIC BOMB ATTACK

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 Nichols ☒  
 Rosen ☒  
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 Nease ☒  
 Gandy ☒

PURPOSE

To advise that it is seriously doubted the Legion will have a mock atomic bomb attack on some town in the State of Ohio and that initial plans did not contemplate keeping this information from the public.

BACKGROUND

You will recall that advice was received that the American Legion contemplated a mock atomic bomb attack on some town in the State of Ohio of an approximate population of eight to ten thousand. On the basis of the recommendation in your memorandum of May 17, 1950, and agreed to by the Director I was instructed to contact Legion officials in an effort to dissuade them from carrying out their proposed plans.

DETAILS

Pursuant to your instructions I telephonically communicated with Assistant Secretary of Defense Paul H. Griffith and pointed out to him the seriousness of the Legion carrying out its proposed plan. I called attention to the two deaths in Mosinee, Wisconsin, recently and the many articles unfavorable to the Legion which had been received by the Bureau from various sources. Mr. Griffith stated that the unfavorable publicity was contrary to what he had heard; that he was present in the early part of May at a meeting of the Legion's National Executive Committee in Indianapolis and the Public Relations Division reported very favorable publicity. He stated, however, he would contact Herman Luhrs, Chairman, National Public Relations Commission, located in Detroit and would have him call me.

I subsequently received a phone call from Mr. Luhrs and pointed out the same things I did to Mr. Griffith. Luhrs stated he wanted to discuss the subject with me further and anticipated being in Washington within a week. Mr. Luhrs called at my office and stated that he seriously doubted that the Legion would carry out its original plans due to the fact that the National Resources Board under Mr. Symington contemplated a theoretical attack on a number of American cities and that this definitely changed the Legion's plans. He further stated that the information we received initially was erroneous in that when a city had been decided upon the Legion intended going to the authorities, fully notifying the public and that it was contemplated it would be carried out in the same manner as the Wisconsin situation where with the approval of the authorities in Mosinee the Communists took over for a day.

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Mr. Ladd

I thereafter talked to George J. Kelly, Assistant Director of Public Relations located in Washington, who informed me that the idea of having a mock bombing originated with one of the public relations men in Indianapolis, Jack Cejnar. He mentioned it to Earl Cocks, National Chairman of the National Security Commission, who then put the proposition up to Martin B. Buckner, Director of the National Security Commission in Indianapolis.

I am furnishing the complete background so that the Bureau may know who to contact in the event the Legion desires to carry out its plans.

Kelly reiterated to me that in the event the Legion does decide to have a mock bombing of some city in Ohio the public will be fully advised and that there will be just as complete publicity as there was in the pseudo taking over of Mosinee, Wisconsin, by the Communists. He stated that there would be no keeping it quiet as it would be a publicity matter all the way through.

*I don't know who  
is guiding Legion on  
publicity but it seems  
to me it is pretty  
bad to seek publicity  
a la Mosinee.*

*Hi*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*

SUBJECT: ALLEGED PLANNED MOCK ATOMIC BOMB ATTACK

DATE: May 17, 1950

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Gandy ☒

PURPOSE

To advise you regarding information which we have received to the effect that plans are being laid to have a mock atomic bomb attack on some town in the United States.

BACKGROUND

You will recall that by memorandum dated May 11, 1950 the Indianapolis Office advised that Tom Sawyer, Director of the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana, advised that he understood plans are being laid to have a mock atomic bomb attack on some town in the United States of an approximate population of 8,000 to 10,000 people. He stated that he further understood that present plans call for warning to the city officials only and that no advance notice whatsoever would be given to the balance of the town's population. It was his understanding that some city in the State of Ohio was under consideration for such "mock attack." On this memorandum you noted "Do we know anything about it? It sounds like some more of the 'cloak and dagger' stuff."

DETAILS

The reference memorandum from the Indianapolis Office was the first information the Bureau has received concerning the proposed plan. This plan if it is actually being considered is undoubtedly a follow up of the recent fiasco at Mosinee, Wisconsin, wherein there was established a Soviet state for a period of twenty-four hours.

A teletype was directed to the Cleveland, Cincinnati and Indianapolis Offices on May 15 with the request that additional details be furnished. Cleveland and Cincinnati have advised that they had received no information whatsoever concerning this proposed plan. Pursuant to instructions from the Bureau, the Indianapolis Office reinterviewed Mr. Sawyer on May 16 for additional details. Mr. Sawyer now states that the proposed plans would be sponsored by the National Security Commission of the American Legion, headed by Martin Buckner of Indianapolis and would be handled as a defense measure. According to Sawyer, no definite plans have been made but tentative ones call for the mock attack to be made on some town in Ohio because of the advanced state of civilian defense and the many legionnaires on the Ohio State Police. Sawyer has promised to keep the Indianapolis Office advised of developments. Cleveland and Cincinnati have likewise been instructed to keep the Bureau advised of any information they receive concerning this plan.

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The Director

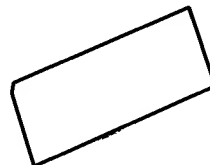
OBSERVATIONS

It can be seen that if this proposed plan is actually carried out it could cause a panic in the area and it is believed to be an extremely unwise proposal. Since the Bureau is in receipt of advance information concerning this plan, it is not believed that we can ignore the information but that it should be given to the various intelligence agencies. Prior to the time that this is done, however, in view of the fact that the plans are still in the formulative stage, it is believed advisable for the Bureau, through its contacts with the American Legion, to point out the lack of wisdom of such a plan in an attempt to have the entire matter cancelled.

RECOMMENDATION

If you agree, it is recommended that Inspector Lee Pennington, through his American Legion contacts, make efforts to determine how serious the National Security Commission of the American Legion is concerning this proposal. It is recommended that Mr. Pennington point out the Bureau's views in this matter and in the event the American Legion is still serious in carrying out its proposal that they be advised that the Bureau feels it necessary to call this matter to the attention of interested agencies in Washington which are actually responsible for the national defense of this country. In the meantime you will be kept advised of any additional developments in this matter.

*I agree.*  
*H.*



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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/11/50

FROM : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION CONTACT

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Recently Special Agent HOWARD A. KING of this office was in contact with Mr. TOM SAWYER, Director of the National American Commission of the American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana. During the conversation, Mr. SAWYER referred to the recent experiment at Mosinee, Wisconsin, wherein there was established a Soviet State for the period of 24 hours. Mr. SAWYER stated that the national office of the American Legion did not sponsor this undertaking, although it did have the backing and cooperation of the American Legion in the State of Wisconsin. He stated that since that time there have been requests of the National American Legion to put on a similar demonstration in other towns, cities and colleges throughout the United States, but as far as he knows, at the present time, the Legion does not expect to sponsor any further demonstrations of this type.

During the conversation, Mr. SAWYER remarked that he understood that plans are being laid to have a mock atomic bomb attack on some town in the United States, of an approximate population of 8,000 to 10,000. He indicated that the American Legion was not involved in this proposition, but further stated that he understood the plans were to have an actual airplane attack to drop one or possibly more faked bombs of the smoke type with possibly a mixture of tear gas, which would "cause the population to realize something was happening." He stated he further understood that present plans called for warning the city officials only and not giving any advance notice whatsoever to the balance of the town's population. Some town of population 8,000 to 10,000 in the State of Ohio is said to be under consideration for the object of the "mock attack."

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

The above information is being furnished to the Bureau with copies of this letter also designated for Cincinnati and Cleveland due to allegation regarding possible mock atomic attack on some Ohio town.

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Do we know anything about it? It sounds like some more of the "cloak & dagger" stuff.  
K.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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CLEVELAND

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AMERICAN LEGION CONTACT. REINDLET TO BUREAU DATED MAY ELEVEN LAST WITH COPIES TO CINCINNATI AND CLEVELAND. BUREAU IN RECEIPT OF NO PREVIOUS INFORMATION REGARDING PROPOSED PLANS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH TWO REFERENCE LETTER.. INDIANAPOLIS IMMEDIATELY RECONTACT SAWYER TO OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS SUCH AS HIS SOURCE ETCETERA SO THAT INFORMATION CAN BE EVALUATED. CINCINNATI AND CLEVELAND INSTRUCTED TO FURNISH BUREAU ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED TO DATE INDICATING SUCH A PLAN TO BE CARRIED OUT. ALL OFFICES REMAIN ALERT AND IMMEDIATELY FURNISH BUREAU ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED. ALL OFFICES SUTEL IMMEDIATELY IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS IN INSTANT TELETYPE.

*initialed for Sir  
per Miss Gandy*

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SENT VIA

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FROM CLEVELAND

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DIRECTOR

URGENT

AMERICAN LEGION CONTACT. REURTEL MAY 15 LAST. CLEVELAND HAS  
 NO FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING PROPOSED PLAN CONTAINED IN  
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FBI INDIANAPOLIS 5-16-50 11-54 AM DST OF

DIRECTOR AND SACS, CLEVELAND AND CINCINNATI  
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SECURITY COMMISSION OF AMERICAN LEGION HEADED BY MARTIN BUCKNER OF  
INDIANAPOLIS. THIS WOULD BE HANDLED AS DEFENSE MEASURE. NO DEFINITE  
PLANS MADE, BUT TENTATIVE ONES CALL FOR OHIO TOWN, BECAUSE OF ADVANCED  
STATE OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE AND MANY LEGIONNAIRES ON OHIO STATE PD.  
TOM SAWYER HAS PROMISED TO KEEP INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE ADVISED  
OF DEVELOPMENTS. LETTER FOLLOWS.

FOSTER

END

MIN. PLS.

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# TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS EXPOSING THE COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY



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## THE SPOTLIGHT

HERBERT J. PHILLIPS, former professor at the University of Washington, fired for allegedly being a communist, is still touring the college campuses. University of Michigan recently rejected a student petition that PHILLIPS be permitted to address students at Ann Arbor.

ASSOCIATION OF INTERNES AND MEDICAL STUDENTS (A.I.M.S.) Medical Economics, Rutherford, N.J., has recently published a small 10 page brochure entitled "Leftist Minority Woos Future Doctors", briefly summarizing some fifteen years of commy efforts to catch future doctors for Uncle Stalin's red network while they are still medical students. Requests for this publication should NOT be sent to this division but direct to MEDICAL ECONOMICS, RUTHERFORD, NEW JERSEY.

CONFERENCE FOR PEACEFUL ALTERNATIVES TO THE ATLANTIC PACT. This latest front was fully reported together with a list of over a thousand sponsors in last October's and November's Summary. With the multi-nation signing of the North Atlantic Pact last fall, observers naturally assumed that this suspected communist deadfall would be quietly buried by its promoters. Comes notice now, via Counterattack, that the C.P.A.A.P. has issued a call for a conference to be held at Chicago, May 29-30th. Some Chicago or Illinois Legionnaires should cover this hootenanny.

NATIONAL BREAD AND BUTTER CONFERENCE ON CHILD WELFARE. To The American Legion, with its own Child Welfare program and record, child welfare is of top priority importance. — Now, child welfare people please note, that a national conference on child welfare was held at Hull House, Chicago, April 15-16 to "develop a program....for local and national action and to co-operate with the 'Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth' in order that it may achieve its purpose," according to a leaflet advertising the Chicago

conference. HELEN WORTIS (any relation to the famous ROSE WORTIS?) is listed as Secretary. She is also an official of the CONGRESS OF AMERICAN WOMEN, branded as subversive by the Attorney General of the U.S. And the address of the "bread and butter conference" in New York is given as Room 602, 2 East 23rd Street, which is also the address of the C.A.W. Of course, it is entirely possible that two different and unconnected organizations could occupy the same premises but as Alice in Wonderland would say, curiouiser and curiouiser they both use the same telephone, Gramercy 7-5918.

A cursory glance at the list of "N.B.B.C.C.W." sponsors, without even bothering to check files, shows the following only too well known names:

CHARLOTTA A. BASS

PAUL L. ROSS

VERA BOUDIN

ROSE V. RUSSELL

MURIEL DRAPER

JOSEPH P. SELLY

UTA HAGEN

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REV. WILLIAM HOWARD MELISH

DR. GENE WELTFISH

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#### THE WORLD COMMUNIST FRONT

##### "Two More Years."

Kenneth DeCourcy, British editor of "Intelligence Digest", in a confidential talk delivered recently in the U.S., gave the western world two years at the utmost to prepare for the final showdown with Soviet Russia. DeCourcy, who maintains a world-wide private intelligence service, stated that the Russians hope to keep Uncle Sam and the West lulled into false security, or at least doing nothing, for two more years. Soviet military leaders feel that by 1952 their military position will be invulnerable,



their atomic stockpile and other new forms of warfare equal to if not surpassing that of the United States, and that a world-wide economic depression of catastrophic proportions will render the western world incapable of warding off the massed Soviet death thrust based on the coordinated military machine of 800,000,000 people. The British editor claimed that the Soviets are producing at least four atomic bombs per month and will have a stockpile of at least fifty by next fall.

Atomic bombs need not necessarily be delivered by air. Atomic scientist Urey recently warned that Soviet submarines might lay atomic bomb mines at the bottoms of American harbors. Others might be delivered as "clams" attached to the bottoms of freighters and dropped in harbors and canals for later detonation.

World-wide Soviet propaganda, using every mass means of communication, remains relatively unchanged and two-faced. While stepping up the war of nerves against America and increasing the virulence of hatred against the United States, the Soviets at the same time continue to grind out their "peace offensive" and the possibility of peaceful co-existence between two worlds.

This amazing inconsistency or hypocrisy, so characteristic of all communists, still baffles the western bourgeois mind. Those hoping against hope for peace (and they most certainly are in the majority) feel that maybe after all, Russian leaders are really sincere in their expressed desires for world peace and that all their rabid diatribes and vilification are really only so much communist bad manners on a par with savagely barking dogs which never bite. The simple explanation of apparent communist inconsistency or talking out of two sides of the mouth at the same instant is, that few westerners and non-communists have ever read Lenin or have the faintest understanding of communist dialectical materialism. All communist psychological

warfare and tactics are based on materialist dialectics, in which western concepts of logic or consistency have absolutely no place.

For example, the Chinese communists for the past twenty-three years have waged a continuous, bloody, and bitter civil war against their own government even while much of their country was being invaded and occupied by the hated Japanese. Their propaganda disseminated all over the world spoke only of "peace" and the fact that the Nationalist government of Chiang Kai Shek was depriving China of peace by refusing to capitulate. Lenin prayed fervently for the defeat of his own country in the Russo-Japanese war as he regarded the destruction of the Czarist system under the impact of a disastrous defeat an indispensable condition for the advancement of his revolutionary aims. American communists similarly have openly declared their intentions to work for the defeat of this country as a short cut to power. An attempt to explain semantic differences between two ideological worlds will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Summary.

Russia is now exerting pressure all along a farflung front from Berlin to Burma and Korea. Southeast Asia is in dire danger with Great Britain and the United States apparently economically unable to do much there except to call conferences and make anti-Soviet speeches. Watch Indo-China and Burma, the two hot spots already beginning to smolder before bursting into flame. Ho Chih Min, little more than a funny name to the average American, will now receive unlimited help from his Chinese Red comrades with whom he now has a common frontier. (There is an interesting article on this Comintern gauleiter in the April issue of Plain Talk.)

Chou En Lai is reported massing Red troops and material for the invasion of Tibet, scheduled for early spring in that part of the world. Pressure is being increased on poverty-stricken and backward Persia by

every successful trick in the bag of professional communist subversionists. The collapse of Iran would outflank Turkey and lay open to Russia much of the Near and Middle East. Two million wild and turbulent Kurdish tribesmen are being stirred up against Turkey and Iraq by corps of specially trained Kurds who have been in Russia for several years undergoing special training.

American prestige is being rapidly destroyed in much of the Islamic East by skillful Soviet propaganda and inadequate American counter measures. The Voice of America programs are badly jammed by Soviet broadcasters in Turkish, Arabic, and Kurdish. Mohammedan leaders, bitterly hating and fearing Russia, nevertheless feel that the United States is far-away and uninterested in their fate. The abandonment of East Europe, China, and other countries to the Soviet Juggernaut has convinced them that American foreign policy is limited to the defense of western Europe and that we are prepared to stand by and watch Russia gobble them up without lifting a finger. Sulzberger of the N.Y. Times quotes a Persian intellectual as saying:

"The United States seems to have less visible force and no concrete idea that the masses can understand. Regrettably Russia has both."

Stalin is also stepping up the offensive in Europe. Potential danger spot is West Berlin which GERHARDT EISLER threatens to invade on Pentecost (a traditional German holiday) with a half million or more "peace demonstrators." The demonstration will move behind a protecting screen of women and children, another characteristic communist tactic. While the western allies and West German police can undoubtedly mobilize enough men, tanks, tear gas, and guns to repel any communist invasion a few dead German children and women are all that EISLER and the Russian propagandists are gambling for. The bail-jumping alien commy, who thumbed his nose at Uncle Sam on many an occasion and whose departure many American newspaper editors called a "good riddance", is reputedly in supreme command of this dangerous

Soviet stunt to embarrass and discredit the United States and to intimidate West Berliners. West Berlin resistance to communist blandishments of "unity" with the rest of East Germany and offers of Soviet economic help are said to have infuriated Stalin. Watch Berlin, May 28th. The communists are already offering free death and injury insurance for all "peace" demonstrators. They obviously expect casualties.

In Italy and France the communists are again feeling their oats. Political Affairs, the top theoretical organ of the American C.P., openly warns that the Italian and French workers "are facing Wall Street incited police and military terror and the threat of neo-fascism and civil war."

In other words watch for open civil war to break out soon in these two "Marshallized" strategic countries upon which the entire defense of Europe is based. French and Italian leaders are in the doghouse in Moscow because of their failure to disrupt American arms shipments and economic recovery under E.C.A. They will either have to "deliver" soon or step aside for tougher Stalinists.

European docks unloading American cargoes remain hot sectors of the cold war. Fourteen thousand London stevedores are out and 84 ships idle because of the firing of three communist agitators who tied up British shipping last year for several weeks. The use of troops merely serves to unify the dockers around the communists and places a terrific strain on allied workers for working with "blacklegs in uniform." Riots break out sporadically in Rotterdam, Antwerp, Le Havre, Marseille, and other European ports where communist influence is strong on the waterfront. So serious has this international situation become that two top European labor leaders of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, J. H. Oldenbroek of Holland and Omer Becu of Belgium, recently flew to this country to confer with American transport workers on over-all strategy and ways and means of

defeating Stalin's machinations against western shipping and the re-armament program for western Europe. (The 4/15/50 issue of the New Leader, an extremely valuable source of information of communist activities all over the world, recently published a most informative article on Russia's little-known "ghost fleet" of merchant ships under the Panamanian flag.)

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#### THE HOME SECTOR

In what was probably one of his most comprehensive speeches, Secretary of State Acheson told the American Newspaper Editors Association at Washington recently that Russia was a threat not only to the continued existence of the United States, but to all western civilization. While cautioning his audience against accepting any single proposal or plan of action as a solution to the great problems facing this country, Acheson did outline six lines of action. 1. Americans must become imbued with a "burning and fighting faith" in freedom, not only for themselves but for all of the world. 2. America must tell the rest of the world of this faith. 3. The country must be strengthened with well organized defenses. 4. Economic bolstering of what is left of the free world so that others less favorably situated than we are will have something to fight for. 5. political and moral unity for common defense. Finally, the idea of aggression must be eliminated from the relationships between the Soviet Union and the free world.

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Communists are mobilizing all their resources and alerting all their allies to stop the enactment of the Mundt-Ferguson subversive activities control bill still bottled up in the Senate. The eleven convicted communist leaders, restricted by judicial ruling to the Federal districts in

which they live, have petitioned the Federal courts to permit them to roam the United States from Maine to California in order to help raise funds for their appeals and to repay the money they allegedly have had to borrow for bail bonds. Decision was reserved by Federal Judge Murray Hulbert.

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The six communist lawyers whose antics disgraced and interminably prolonged the nine-month trial of eleven C.P. leaders have indicated that they will fight their contempt sentences all the way to the United States Supreme Court, if necessary. Federal Judge Harold Medina cited all six lawyers for contempt and handed them varying sentences at the conclusion of the historic trial. A U.S. District Court of Appeals recently upheld the citations by a two-to-one decision. Judge Charles Clark filing a minority opinion that while their conduct was "abominable", he felt that they should have had hearings before Judge Medina sentenced them. Meanwhile, a Federal Bar Association and two New York Bar organizations have instituted moves to disbar HARRY SACHER and ABRAHAM ISSERMAN, two of the six communist defense attorneys.

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#### WHAT THE COMMIES ARE SAYING AND DOING

PRAVDA continues to devote much of its space to vilifying Uncle Sam as a blood-thirsty, fascist war-monger following closely in the footsteps of Hitler and Mussolini. America is the foul villain at the bottom of every attack on peace and democracy all over the world. American imperialists are protecting and defending Japanese war criminals including Emperor Hirohito. The U.S. is rebuilding Germany and Japan as advance bases of imperialist aggression against peace-loving Russia. American relief workers, diplomats, engineers, businessmen, and even archaeologists are busy all over the world spying on Russia and her "Peoples Democracies". However,

working class vigilance has exposed every single American spy and subverter in every country where they attempted to operate. "Crushing blows have been delivered against these agents of intrigue." The sinister machinations of Uncle Sam against world peace are being thwarted by the growing camp of world partisans of peace now many millions strong. Various American papers ranging from the Daily Worker and National Guardian to the Nation and U.S. News are quoted to prove that the "American imperialists and war-mongers are frustrated with rage" over their inability to blackmail and intimidate the noble Russian people.

Parisian riots, refusal of European dockworkers to unload American cargoes, and American "peace conferences" are offered as proof of the rising world desire for peace and understanding with the Soviet Union. The banning of the U.S.S.R. Information Bulletin from certain American school libraries proves that the American war-mongers are in a panic over the growing advances of Russia in all fields of human endeavor. "A growing groundswell of the American people demanding peace with the Soviet Union is causing even the windows of the State Department to tremble", Pravda blandly tells its Russian readers.

Soviet puppets come in for fulsome praise for the remarkable advances they have already made in only a few years of Sovietism. While the rest of the world sinks ever deeper into the morass of dying and hopeless capitalism, the "Peoples Democracies", including China and East Germany, daily raise to newer heights of well being and culture. All of this sort of propaganda is not necessarily bald and crude lying without supporting "evidence". Living people, "little people" are quoted on how they thrive under the warm sun of beneficent socialism. These "documentaries" are well-prepared and convincing in the extreme. The proceedings of the American INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS, is quoted for example, to prove that Southern

Korea is sinking into a slough of economic hopelessness and unemployment and that the activity of the Korean police has turned the life of that nation into a nightmare.

"The South Korean puppet government of American imperialist circles has transformed South Korea into a fascist torture chamber, where freedom of speech and assembly is prohibited, where no organization can be formed, no other than a fascist type under the leadership of Li Sin Min's executioners." The U.S.A. "under fascist policies is carrying to these countries inequality, hunger, poverty, and extinction."

And, an American publication is quoted as proof!

On the other hand, the invincible Soviet Union, is doing everything possible to strengthen the independence of the great and small countries, having expressed their desire of binding their future for the uplift of the national economy and culture of these countries to the invincible, growing Socialist system. Turkey, Greece, and Iran come in for bitter Pravda attacks as pawns of American imperialism using every form of terror and repression, torture and blackmail to keep down the legitimate aspirations of their own down-trodden, long-suffering people.

There are always long eulogies to the "invincible unity of the Soviet nation and to Stalin, the peerless leader of the world's toiling masses."

"The guiding genius of Comrade Stalin created an entire new military science which overturned bourgeois military science." In World War II "Comrade Stalin stood out before the entire peace-loving world as a giant of thought and action, as the concentrated collective will, energy, and feeling of love to the Fatherland of the entire multi-mentioned Soviet nation and to their vanguard the Bolshevik party."



We also learn from Pravda that:

"After the destruction of fascist Germany and her allies in Europe the armed forces of the Soviet Union turned their weapons against imperialist Japan. On August 9, 1945, our troops started a decisive attack which broke up the opposition of the main forces of the Kwantung Army and thus forced Japan to lay down its arms. Only the entrance into the war of the armed forces of the Soviet Union secured a speedy destruction of the Japanese Army and an unconditional capitulation of Imperialist Japan, which brought the second World War to an end."

We gather that the U.S. had nothing to do with the defeat of Japan.

Pravda also crows, that despite two years of strenuous efforts by American fascists they have not been able to move the Mundt-Nixon Bill one inch closer to enactment because of "the determined opposition and growing strength of the progressive forces of the U.S." Increasing unemployment and the increase to forty-three "poverty areas" of critical unemployment in the U.S. also come in for a big play in this Soviet pace-setting newspaper. John L. Lewis, Defense Secretary Louis Johnson, Rep. Nixon, Senator Mundt, President Truman, Dean Acheson, Walter Reuther, Pres. Green of the A.F.L., and James Carey of the C.I.O. come in for fulsome Pravda abuse and vilification.

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#### SOVIET BROADCASTS

Soviet propaganda pouring out over the ether waves twenty-four hours a day, month-in-and-month-out, in sixty or more languages continues to fall pretty much into the same general categories previously outlined in this Summary.

The superiority and invincibility of the Soviet system. The increasing power, economic strength, culture and happiness of the "Peoples Democracies". The catastrophic and insoluble troubles of non-Communist

countries, particularly those being "Marshallized" by profits-mad American imperialist war-mongers. Increasing and sharpening attacks on Tito, The British Labor government, Greece, Turkey, India, France, and other countries under full Soviet propaganda attack. Cleverly devised propaganda designed to confuse and divide the western world, taunting the British that their economic woes are really due to greedy Uncle Sam stealing their former markets, to the Dutch that America supported the Indonesians in order to displace them as chief exploiters of the untapped wealth of the former Dutch colony, to the Arabs that America armed and supported the Jews in the creation of the state of Israel, etc., etc., ad nauseam.

The heaviest barrage of air waves blockbusters, needless to say, are dropped on the United States. The total amount and virulence of this lying propaganda is simply beyond belief and has recently moved President Truman to devote a full speech to that subject alone when he spoke before the annual convention of the American Newspaper Editors Association. Russian propaganda against the Nazis during the last war, when the Germans were looting, raping and destroying much of European Russia, was hardly as poisonous as that directed against America today, the ally which helped Russia stave off total defeat. The U.S. is plotting to wage bacteriological warfare against Russia that is why we protect Hirohito and other "Japanese war criminals." Even little Holland, the land of tulips and dikes, is secretly being converted into an American war base against peace-loving Russia. American relief workers in the Near East are really "intelligence agents" ferreting out the "secrets" of these poverty-stricken countries. The relief work is just so much "cover". America, boasting of the highest living standards and plenty in the world, destroys vast quantities of food while millions of American workers and unemployed suffer from starvation and direst poverty. We are "looting" South Korea and attempting to steal everything we can lay our hands on in Indonesia. Roberts College at Istanbul, founded in 1863 by an American religious group, is

nothing more than a "training school for U.S. spies." Under the strain of the cold war, which they themselves started, more and more American "cannibal generals" and Wall Street imperialists who hope to coin more gold for themselves out of human blood, are succumbing to "Forestal madness". The former Defense Secretary "leaped to his death from the window of a lunatic asylum," according to a Moscow broadcast.

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#### THE COMMUNIST PRESS

"Due to circumstances over which the publishers had no control, the April issue of Political Affairs" failed to appear. The entire May issue of 175 pages is given over to various reports made to the plenary meeting of the National Committee (Politburo) of the C.P. U.S.A. This is a very important issue and students of communism and others interested in the latest official line of the party should read this issue carefully. It can be obtained at any communist bookstore for 25 cents, or direct from the New Century Publishers, 832 Broadway, New York, New York. A digest of highlights will be included in the May issue of this Summary.

The Daily Worker for the past month has stepped up its "Truman-must-talk-peace-with-Stalin" line. The reports made to the plenary session of the National Committee of the C.P. last March leave no doubt that the comrades are carrying out their instructions "from the other side" to give everything to pushing the phony "peace line." Foster significantly wrote to his followers (he was reputedly too ill to attend in person) as follows:

"Fifth, on the peace movement. Here we face our most decisive political task, and I want to lay the greatest possible stress upon it. Under no circumstances should we neglect the mass struggles over wages, unemployment, Negro rights, and fascism; but we must recognize that these are all bound up with the fight against war. Everything depends upon our success in this all-inclusive key struggle. To mobilize the masses to fight for peace should be the very center of the work of this meeting of the National Committee." (Page 10, Political Affairs, May, 1950.)

The "slogan to be raised" as the commies say, is, "Stop the war-makers!"

Next in order of importance to the voice of Moscow, at least to judge by the amount of space, size of type, and anguished editorial tone, has been the pending Mundt-Ferguson Bill. Commy scribblers really pull out all the agony stops and "lay it on heavy" in any and every mention of the Legion-backed legislation still bottled up in the Senate.

Long lists of anti-communist A.F.L. labor leaders' names are proudly printed by the D.W. as being staunchly opposed to this "vicious anti-labor act." Whole columns of late have been given over by the Worker to listing telegrams, resolutions, and letters from religious leaders and other prominent, and some not so prominent, people, all violently opposed to the Mundt "thought-control police-state" bill. It is a depressing commentary on the intelligence level of many American anti-communists that the servile defenders of the Russian slave state, employing the most thorough and terrible thought control in all history, where a grumbling whisper to one's brother or trusted friend may send one to Siberia, can so befuddle and flim-flam millions of supposedly literate and fairly smart people into believing that a simple piece of legislation intended solely to restrict and curb communist subversive activity is, as the commies charge, actually a sinister attack on American freedom and rights of labor and minorities. Laugh at the commies all you want and deride them as rats, traitors, crackpots, etc., etc., they nevertheless have demonstrated in this instance alone their supreme command of propaganda techniques in completely splitting and rendering totally harmless the potential opposition of 150,000,000 Americans.

The D.W. of late has also sharpened its attacks on outstanding anti-communists and former party members informing on or testifying against the communist conspiracy. Raymond Hilliard, Chief of the city of New York's Welfare Department, who has been doing a real job of cleaning commies out of

that agency, has been the target of particularly scurrilous abuse and vilification, including massed picket lines around his home.

ROB HALL, Washington correspondent for "America's Pravda", devoted a full column of lamentation to the fact that the "thoroughly discredited and practically defunct" House Un-American Activities Committee has enjoyed a remarkable come-back in American public esteem. HALL is outraged to the very marrow of his bones by the fact that the mere citation of H.U.A.C.'s Appendix IX is quoted and used as evidence of any credibility whatever by people who should be ashamed of themselves. Hall's diatribe, of course, is a violation of all party standing instructions to commy writers never to betray panic or worry but always to radiate strength, fearlessness, confidence, and Bolshevik iron firmness in the face of adversity and trouble.

The Daily Worker is also deeply shocked and alarmed over the Robeson banning from TV by mass public protest. Then ARTIE SHAW and his band failed to appear on a Whelan Drug TV program as reported in last month's Summary. The sponsor pleaded a "conflict" in schedules .... but that ain't the way they explain it around studio circles in New York. This, to the editors of the D.W., needless to add, means the rise of fascism in America. The fact that Americans are beginning to wake up and are getting tired of financing quislings and potential traitors by pouring into the pockets of commy-tinged entertainers several million dollars a year, which same money then filters down into fronts and ultimately to the Communist Party, is naturally very disturbing to Stalin's American agents.

On the other side of the commy ledger great praise is lavished on the AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS for its opposition to the Mundt Bill. The AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS which recently held its annual convention in Cleveland is also given a pat on the head by the Daily Worker

for "unanimously opposing the discharge of college or university teachers because of membership in any lawful political party or organization." The Worker proudly relates: "The Association's delegates took a strong position against 'guilt by association', loyalty oaths, and F.B.I. checking of teachers and students to be awarded scholarships to the National Science Foundation."

The Izvestia of Union Square is also elated over the various European dock strikes holding up or turning back American arms shipments for the defense of western Europe. Former Attorney General Francis Biddle, who assured the American public in 1941 that the Department of Justice was able to find only two subversives in the whole Federal government, also comes in for lavish D.W. praise for having recently attacked "heresay trials." The Worker also does not think very highly of world government movements. Several pages were devoted to a blistering and derisive attack on United World Federalists in a recent Sunday edition of the Worker.

ALAN MAX writes a small "humorous" column for the Worker. The following sample may be of interest to Legionnaires:

MEMO TO THE READER By Alan Max, Managing Editor

"A reader has sent me a copy of a recent issue of the American Legion Magazine which says that the Communists 'have one good idea.' This is that they know the power of the printed word and promote communist publications."

The publication then goes on to urge its readers to follow the example and promote the Legion Magazine.

"Sorry - can't say for the war-mongering leaders of the American Legion that they have even one good idea."

A sample Worker editorial without comment:

GOVERNMENT BY SECRET FILE

"BEHOLD the new god -- the F.B.I. secret file. Everyone bows down to it. The neo-fascist Senators

who want to place the label of 'treason' on the New Deal's program of American-Soviet friendship -- they roar for the F.B.I. files. The trembling victims -- accused of once having spoken for peace or for some mild human decency -- plead tearfully that the proof of their innocence lies in the F.B.I. secret files.

"And, towering above all the mud-splattered combatants, looms the figure of J. Edgar Hoover, master of America's new secret political police. He hands down the judgments. He will not open these sacred files. He says 'it might injure the innocent.'

"OH WONDERFUL IRONY! The chief of the Gestapo is forced to confess that his sacred files contain mountains of garbage, trashy rumors, malicious scandal-mongering, and falsehoods.

"WHAT IS the F.B.I. looking for? For felonies, rapes, kidnappings, and other clearly defined crimes? NO. There are laws to take care of these. For 'treason' maybe? No. The laws of treason are well established and need no new police to define them. What then does the F.B.I. underground seek? THEY ARE WRITING DOWN THE POLITICAL VIEWS OF AMERICA AND PUTTING THEM INTO SECRET FILES.

"These files do not contain evidence of crimes; they are nothing but a fascist catalog of the political views and activities of millions of Americans. As long as the country is governed by this imitation-Nazi system of F.B.I. files, the Constitution is being mocked and subverted by its worst enemies."

The balance of Daily Worker space for the past month was divided between the various categories as recapitulated in the Monthly Analysis. Communists in trouble, ie., trials, deportation writs, arrests, etc., still far outstrip even the nearest other category. "Peace" items have now moved up into third place of importance and attacks on American foreign policy, usually in eighth to tenth place of precedence, has been stepped up into sixth place of priority.

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MONTHLY ANALYSIS OF COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA

	Column Inches
1. Trials, arrests, Loyalty programs, commies in trouble .....	2915
2. Negro and racial minority, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, etc. ....	1430
3. Phony communist "peace" offensive, World Partisans of Peace, etc..	1420
4. Union items, strikes, Taft-Hartley, C.P. unions in trouble, etc...	1070
5. Attacks on C.I.O., A.F.L. and non-C.P. labor leaders .....	845
6. Attacks on U.S. foreign policy, Atlantic Pact .....	665
7. Foreign C.P.s, Greece, China, Italy, France, Viet Nam, etc. ....	590
8. Unemployment, wage cuts, lay-offs, "depression is here" items ....	510
9. High Cost of Living, rent increases, evictions, housing .....	500
10. Straight C.P. propaganda, "the line", unclassifiable .....	430
11. Attacks on President Truman, Congress, state governments .....	370
12. Israel and items of Jewish interest .....	270
13. Wallace, Am. Labor Party, Progressive Party, C.P. in politics ....	250
14. Morale disintegration material, "Nothing in U.S. any good" items..	250
15. Attacks on anti-Communists, F.B.I., Legion, Informants, H.U.A.C...	230
16. Straight pro-Soviet propaganda, items on satellites .....	210
17. C.P. program, party life and personalities, fund drives, etc. ....	205
18. Attacks on foreign non-C.P. govts., Italy, France, Britain .....	200
19. Attacks on the Vatican, Catholic Church, A.C.T.U., etc. ....	135

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## WHAT'S WRONG WITH AMERICAN-SOVIET RELATIONS

Everyone, even Henry Wallace and O. John Rogge, agrees that a serious state of tension exists between the United States and the U.S.S.R. Many Americans are casting about for ways and means of lessening this tension, or at least finding a common denominator working level at which the two diametrically opposing worlds can continue to co-exist in some form of armed truce. Only a handful of students of semantics appear to have hit upon one of the main causes of misunderstanding between America and communist Russia — a Grand Canyon gorge of difference over the meaning of words. The following may be of help in the interest of better understanding of what makes the Politburo tick and, in an attempt to explain what communists mean when they employ certain words in a totally different sense than we of the western world. It was originally intended for April 1st publication but is a bit delayed.

When the U.S.S.R., with the largest military machine ever assembled in all history, dragoons its satellites into signing a "mutual defense" military pact it does so to advance world peace. When the pocket size countries of western Europe, many of them impoverished by the last war and others totally devoid of any significant military defenses, sign an Atlantic pact of mutual defense it is obviously an "imperialist war-mongering plot fostered in Wall Street to coin human blood into more gold for greedy American capitalists."

When the Soviet Union jumps its military budget 79 million rubles, it does so merely to strengthen the peace forces of the world. When the American Legion advocates U.M.T. or some other form of improved national defense it is "sabre-rattling by a notorious pro-fascist organization and adjunct of the N.A.M."

When the Chinese communists wage a twenty-year civil war against

their own government as "agrarian reformers" and are armed by the Soviets with weapons taken from the defeated Japanese as a result of America's defeat of that country, it is nothing more than "liberation of their own country from the black marketeer and grafter", Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek, who is not really a true Chinese anyway but a Japanese collaborator. When the Poles, Ukrainians, Latvians, or other east Europeans rise in protest against communist confiscation, oppression, torture, and suppression of religious freedom they obviously act as "Vatican-inspired bandits and terrorists, and resurrected White Guardists of Wrangel and Yudenitch armies."

When eleven leading American communists are brought to trial in open court under American laws and surrounded by every Constitutional protection; any child knows that this is nothing but a legal farce fired as the opening gun by Wall Street to crush the American labor movement and to deprive Negroes and other American minorities of their basic freedoms and rights. When the communists frame a Cardinal Mindszenty, General Mikhailovich, or Nikola Petkov it must be plain to even the simple-minded that the "Peoples Democracies" are merely trying to protect themselves against sinister foreign agents, spies, wreckers, and saboteurs.

When a Kravchenko, Kasenkina, or Barmine flees from "Holy Russia" they obviously are the lowest and basest of traitors and enemies of the toiling masses of the whole world. When an Anna Bucar or a Gordon Wheeler flees the "Hell" of American capitalism to seek peace and security in the heaven of the Soviets they unquestionably show both good sense and sound patriotism. A Louis Budenz, Gitlow, Kornfeder or Whittaker Chambers, who testifies against or otherwise "fingers" former comrades is obviously several grades lower than Judas or Benedict Arnold. But a native born American communist or communist stooge who steals top defense secrets involving the future security of this country, ala Judy Coplon, is nothing more than a

misguided "liberal" who perhaps took a few liberties with liberty. The Washington Post pointed out editorially that a Browder or Frederick Vanderbilt Field who refuses to finger communists is a nobler and finer citizen than a low and base chap like Budenz who thinks he is helping his country in exposing the secret enemies within.

When the Soviet Union spends millions of dollars to flood some country like Italy or France with a vast network of trained agitators, subversionists, and other traitors in order to wreck the nation's economy and to promote open insurrection and ultimate revolution it must be plain to those who understand Soviet semantics that this form of activity is "working for the peace of the world." However, when Hollywood produces a rather poor anti-communist picture or some one writes an anti-communist book it must be equally plain that imperialist war-mongers are at the bottom of such a foul plot to unleash the horrors of an atomic war on the world.

American explorers ascending Mount Ararat, archaeologists working in the deserts of Arabia, or Mormon missionaries making their rounds in Czechoslovakia are naturally spies of "American intelligence" ferreting out top secret information of vital importance against the peace-loving Soviets. When Canada, Great Britain, and the United States frame some innocent "progressives" and falsely claim they caught them red-handed at atomic espionage it must be plain even to a child that this is mere diversion to distract attention away from America's sinister war machinations seeking to embroil the whole world in a catastrophic war so that a handful of men in Wall Street can reap fabulous profits out of human blood.

One could go on at great length with other examples of semantic misunderstandings but the above samples should suffice.

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### INCIDENTAL INTELLIGENCE

Maurice Thorez, Big Boss of the French commies, is having "Philbrick trouble." Thorez has denounced some of his comrades for lack of Bolshevik vigilance in failing to keep police spies out of the ranks of the French C.P. Thorez is reputedly on the spot himself with the Super Boss of all commies in Moscow and may be making this gesture to head off trouble now headed his way.

Intelligence officers estimate Russia's Fifth Column at twelve million quislings. North America has 122,000 with half in the U.S. Central America surrounding the Panama Canal has 175,000, with the major share in Cuba. South America boasts of 275,000 Stalinists with heavy concentrations in Brazil and Chile. Western Europe has four and half million. Seventy-five percent of them are in France and Italy. The Far East and Oceania account for about three million more, of which two million are counted in China. Moscow claims 25,000,000 card-carrying communists all over the world including the U.S.S.R.

Simple solution to the Alger Hiss controversy. In view of the fact that there are still apparently many Americans who regard Hiss as innocent or who find it difficult to accept the verdict of a Federal jury last January, Isaac Don Levine, Editor of Plain Talk, proposed a simple solution. Hiss once challenged Whittaker Chambers to make his charges public. Chambers did so with disastrous results to Hiss. Easy way out for Hiss now to clear his name and to end the controversy for all time IS TO WAIVE THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS AND DEMAND A FEDERAL TRIAL ON ESPIONAGE AND LET ANOTHER TWELVE ORDINARY AMERICANS DECIDE THE FACTS. It is traditional with military men, jealous of their good names and reputations, to demand a court martial if they became involved in any situation tending to impugn or question their honesty, integrity, or professional competence.

O. JOHN ROGGE in the Stalinist doghouse? Henry Wallace, after the late unlamented convention of the Progressive Party in Chicago, appeared to have been headed for the Moscow ashcan with O. JOHN ROGGE, former Assistant U.S. Attorney General slated for top spot in the affections of the American Stalinists. Then ROGGE slipped and make a courtesy call on Tito. Now the literary hatchetmen of the Daily Worker are giving Rogge the business but good, as the vernacular has it.

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#### QUIPS AND BITS, THE LIGHTER SIDE

Soothsayers, tea-leaves readers, palmists, and other fortune tellers who claim to read the future are being put out of business in communist Czechoslovakia. They have been found guilty of "subversive activities" against the communist state. Too many of their clients came in asking the same question: "When will this communist regime come to an end?"

Lost, strayed, or stolen. One perfectly good libel and slander suit filed by ALGER HISS, of the Carnegie Foundation for Peace, against Whittaker Chambers. Reward to finder — A snazzy little 1928 Ford runabout with a sassy little trunk.

Please do not laugh or snicker department.

Tass, the official Soviet News Agency denied that self-admitted Soviet spy Klaus Fuchs ever worked for Russia and said that no Soviet agent ever had any connection with the British spy now serving fourteen years for stealing the very top secrets of atomic and hydrogen bomb know-how. In fact the Soviets had never heard of him. All "progressive" and peace-loving forces of the world know that the Soviet Union does not engage in espionage and that Fuchs therefore

is a liar who has volunteered to go to prison for fourteen years in order to slander the "Workers' Fatherland" in the interest of Wall Street warmongers.

American toymakers with the bloodthirsty, cannibalistic instincts of their klan are now accused by Pravda of popularizing atom bombs. David Zaslavsky, chief poison pen smear artist of the Soviet press, cited two American toy magazines to prove that American tots "have fallen into a cannibal's arsenal. There are skulls on the counters, monsters on the shelves, fantastic savages, and atom bombs everywhere." Zaslavsky "shudders" when he opens these toy magazines to study their "cannibalistic" wares. Americans shudder to think that a vast Soviet bureaucracy of snoops exists to pore over every piece of printed material from the U.S. including even toy magazines and catalogs.

The Dutch are generally believed to be a stolid and humorless race, but Dutch commies not only know how to do things up right but also manage to betray a high sense of sly humor. American communists hold a protest meeting against the government's loyalty program from the steps of the Statue of Liberty, disclosing very little originality or sense of propriety. The Netherlands Stalinists gathered to protest a meeting of west Europe defense chiefs at The Hague and very appropriately selected the Zoo. The baboons, chimpanzees, and orangutans screamed in rage at this invasion of their privacy and affront to their dignity by Stalin's trained seals. The Dutch commies sneered that the monkey house counter demonstration was really Trotzkyite in origin and had been inspired by Wall Street warmongers.

Now ain't that tough department.

LARRY ADLER, harmonica player who is suing Mrs. John T. McCullough for \$100,000 because she allegedly libeled him, complained at the trial that his annual income of \$75,000 had been reduced by \$20,000 because of adverse

publicity resulting from litigation which he and PAUL DRAPER filed last fall. ADLER'S plight is truly heart-rending -- how does one manage to exist on \$55,000 per year? Virtual beggary, we call it.

Movie writer RING LARDNER, Jr., has advertised his ten room beach home for sale with a notice "For Sale--owner going to jail." LARDNER is one of the Hollywood "contemptuous ten" who refused to answer the \$64.00 question put to them by the House Un-American Activities Committee. Why sell it to a hated bourgeois-capitalist, tovarish, when it should be turned over to a rest home for tired and broken-down organizers of C.P. fronts?

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#### WHAT YOU CAN DO TO COMBAT COMMUNISM

Organize a letter-writing group of six to ten relatives and friends to make the sentiments of Americans heard on the important issues of the day. Phone, telegraph, or write to radio and television sponsors employing entertainers with known front records. There are an estimated two to three fully qualified and thoroughly loyal Americans presently unemployed ready to step into every joy vacated by a Stalinist writer, actor, or entertainer. Give Americans a break just for a change by giving pro-communists the bum's rush off the air.

Names of unsuitable and inappropriate fellow travelers can be secured from this Summary, Counter-Attack, Alert, The Sign, National Republic, New Leader and other dependable sources. In writing or phoning radio sponsors and others MAKE NO CHARGES OR CLAIMS. Merely state that you buy their products or services and enjoy their radio or TV shows BUT THAT YOU DISAPPROVE OR OBJECT TO SO-AND-SO ON THEIR PROGRAMS AND DESIRE THAT THEY BE REMOVED. NOTHING ELSE. YOU PAY FOR THE SHOW BY BUYING THEIR PRODUCTS AND YOU HAVE THE RIGHT WITHOUT NECESSITY OF ANY EXPLANATION FOR OBJECTING TO ANY ENTERTAINER

JUST AS YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO HOOT A HAM OFF THE STAGE. Radio sponsors are responsible for the talent their agencies hire — it is their responsibility to remove objectionable entertainers. When you turn on your radio or television set, you in effect admit a guest into your homes. It is your prerogative to switch off the set and to cease buying the products of people who offend you by insinuating objectionable people into your homes. The customer is always right and 150,000,000 patriotic Americans are the ultimate consumers upon whom the entire radio and TV industry is built. USE YOUR POWER TO CUT OFF SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR OF COMMUNIST INCOME DERIVED INDIRECTLY FROM YOUR POCKETS BY HIGHLY-PAID ENTERTAINERS AND WRITERS WHO IN TURN MAKE LARGE CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMUNIST CAUSES AND FRONTS.

DON'T LET THE SPONSOR PASS THE BUCK BACK TO YOU BY DEMANDING "PROOF" OF COMMUNIST FRONTING BY SOME CHARACTER ABOUT WHOM YOU HAVE COMPLAINED. YOU DON'T HAVE TO PROVE ANYTHING. YOU SIMPLY DO NOT LIKE SO-AND-SO ON THEIR PROGRAMS AND WILL STOP BUYING THEIR PRODUCTS AND LISTENING TO THEIR SHOWS UNTIL HE OR SHE IS REMOVED. Responsible and patriotic companies have already warned their agencies that they will not tolerate any doubtful characters appearing on their shows and that there will be trouble if any complaints are received. Responsible agencies are reported as carefully checking the backgrounds of all people connected in any way with the TV or radio shows. Several others, however, are attempting to bluff their way through or playing dumb by pretending they have "no way of looking into a man's head to see if he is loyal." Or, "we are not interested in an entertainer's politics as long as he has talent and is in demand." The answer to that one, of course, is a letter direct to a known official of the sponsor, NOT THE RADIO STATION OR AGENCY, saying in effect that you "are no longer interested in their products or show until so-and-so is canned from the air."



California, Michigan and Wisconsin recently held well-organized counter-subversive conferences. Illinois and West Virginia have scheduled such conferences in the near future. Are there any other states which have not yet informed the National Americanism Commission of such conferences? The Michigan conference ran for two days, April 15-16, and was well organized and well received. Some thirty-five other organizations sent delegates and eight newspapers sent reporters. Ben Gitlow, Vincent Hartnett, J. Anthony Marcus, Larry Kerley, Dr. J. B. Matthews, Senator Paul Broyles of Illinois, and Edna Lonigan were the principal speakers. Rabbi Benjamin Schultz of the American Jewish League Against Communism was the banquet speaker, delivering a most inspiring speech on "All Faiths Working For God Against World Atheism." E. E. Adcock, a former Naturalization and Immigration official at Detroit, presented the formal resolution calling for the formation of a permanent alliance of all patriotic groups in Michigan to co-ordinate and advance all counter-subversive work in that state. This is a most important Legion activity in effect carrying on at state level what the All-American Conference has already pioneered at national level.

The Departments of Michigan and Illinois have their own monthly counter-subversive bulletins. Are there other Departments issuing such bulletins which the National Headquarters does not receive and therefore does not know about? Department Americanism Chairmen should write to the Department of Indiana for a copy of their well-prepared Counter-subversive Manual. Each Department should have or issue such a manual or handbook for the guidance of its Americanism and counter-subversive officers.

Write to Chairman Wood of the House Un-American Activities Committee and ask to have your name placed on its mailing list for free reports as they are issued by that Committee. If the National Americanism Commission mails you H.U.A.C. reports which you already receive direct, please

advise us by penny post card so as to help conserve scarce government publications and save postage and needless clerical work. Also ask Mr. Wood to print another run of the August 1948 Espionage Hearings which include the Hiss testimony.

The Orange County Council of the American Legion in California has undertaken a most important and commendatory project. Alarmed by the vast amount of communist and un-American literature which unnoticed through the years has crept in or been insinuated into our public and school libraries, the Orange County Legionnaires determined to do something practical about it. Instead of "book-burning" or "witch-hunting", these California Legionnaires purchase books of a patriotic or counter-subversive character and present them to the various libraries in their area as a gift from the American Legion in its Americanism program. Even a pinko or anti-Legion librarian who might resent or exploit attempts to remove unpatriotic and pro-Soviet books from the library shelves can hardly dare to reject an offer of free books of a factual and definitely pro-American type. The complete Orange County plan will be included in the next issue of this Summary. A good book to start with is SEEDS OF TREASON by DeToledano and Lasky, Funk and Wagnalls, publishers, \$3.75. The whole inside story of the Hiss-Chambers case told in simple language, but making absorbing reading. Don't miss it. Fifteen thousand copies already sold with many book-dealers selling out as fast as new stocks arrive.

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#### IMPORTANT NOTES

The Americanism Division has a very limited supply of two special studies on the Military Commission of the C.P., U.S.A. and Racial Incitation Techniques of the C.P. These are mimeographed studies prepared by a former

Comintern official, now a Legionnaire, and are of interest only to specialists, law enforcement officers, security and intelligence people, etc. They can be secured by addressing a letter on Legion or official stationery to the Americanism Division, The American Legion, 734 Fifteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., AND INCLUDING 21¢ IN STAMPS TO COVER COST OF POSTAGE.

Considerable material crowded out of this issue by lack of space and time will be summarized in the next issue.

Vol. 3 of Communist Activities Among Aliens and National Groups, by the Sub-Committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee is now printed. A limited supply is available at the Americanism Division, The American Legion, 734 - 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Hans Pederson of Gamboa, Canal Zone, is the new Department Commander of Panama Canal Zone. The official name of this Department was changed to Panama Canal Zone by action of the National Executive Committee, May 3-5, 1950.

National Americanism Division requests that registration forms for the 1950 Boys Nation be mailed to them at the earliest possible moment.

On behalf of the Department of Massachusetts and its Auxiliary, National Commander Craig presented a portrait of Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers to the House Veterans Affairs Committee in the Committee Meeting Room, Washington, D. C., on June 27. Congresswoman Rogers was granted the Legion's Distinguished Service Medal by the National Executive Committee, May 3-5, 1950.

Legionnaires will be interested in reading the article "The Real Story of Rodger Young", by Stanley A. Frankel, appearing in the August issue of "Coronet", which gives the amazing details behind the deeds of one of World War II's most immortal heroes.

"Red, White and Blue" bids fair to become one of the great theatrical productions of this country. Prinz and Crump have solicited and received help from many of the greats of the movie and stage world. Bookings for a solid year have already been arranged.

Distribution of the 1950 combined Legion and Auxiliary Catalog was made from National Emblem Sales Division this week. For the first time, a test mailing is being made to individual Legion members in six states. This involves 204,211 individual Legionnaires. In addition, a copy has been mailed to each Post Adjutant and Unit Secretary, bringing the total mailing to 232,839 books. Catalogs have also been sent on approximately 10,000 individual requests.

Material contained in this letter is provided for the information and use of key National and Department officials of The American Legion. Items marked with an asterisk (\*) are confidential and not to be republished. Much of the material contained herein will be subjects for more complete bulletins, memorandums or press releases.

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Copies of the religious post cards issued in connection with the Legion's Divine Guidance Appeal are being sent to all members of the House and Senate. Post cards are available for use by Departments, Posts or individual Legionnaires from National Emblem Sales, The American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana, at one cent each in minimum orders of 100.

Departments of California and West Virginia have just held Counter-Subversive Seminars at La Jolla and Charleston, respectively. The objective - the dissemination of vital information to combat the spread of Communism. Departments wishing to provide this service should contact the National Americanism Division.

Congratulations to Ad Men's Post No. 209 of New York City. They supplied the funds and technical assistance in the production of a booklet entitled "Halloran Veterans Administration Hospital." This brochure describes for veterans, their friends and guests, the services and facilities of Halloran Hospital.

Hoover Comm. Recommendations: House Committee on Expenditures has resumed hearings on H. R. 5182, the "United Medical Administration" bill. Representatives of the Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report tried to minimize the Legion's opposition as set forth by National Commander Craig, Dr. Mayo and Dr. Rowntree at the previous committee session. The Citizens Committee states that it will now offer amendments in an attempt to counter the soundness of the Legion's testimony. Hearings will be resumed after the July 4 recess. The Senate Sub-Committee on Health will begin hearings July 10 on the companion bill to H. R. 5182.

Puerto Rico has joined the field of national competition in The American Legion Junior Baseball program, which brings the number of competing Departments to an all-time high of fifty. The Puerto Rican champion will come to the mainland and is tentatively scheduled to compete with teams from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Rhode Island in Regional No. 2 at Torrington, Connecticut.

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Retread John Brock, Sr., Adairsville, Georgia, was elected Department Commander of Georgia at its state convention. The nomination was seconded by his son, John B. Brock, Jr. The senior Brock served with his son in the Pacific during World War II.

National Security: On June 22 the House passed Senate bill 2269, which permits the enlistment of aliens in the regular Army. This bill would permit the Secretary of the Army, with the approval of the Secretary of State, to accept especially qualified aliens abroad for enlistment and reenlistment in the regular Army. Such enlistees must be between the ages of 18 and 35, unmarried and without dependents, and the enlistment period is for not less than 5 years. If signed by the President, the Army will be authorized to accept not more than 2,500 such aliens.

Annual child welfare reports had been received from three-fourths of all Departments by mid-week and most of the remaining Departments have sent word that reports are being tabulated. New York is now in first place in both the greatest number of Posts reporting (1,228) and the highest percentage (91%). Kentucky is in second place with 85% of its Posts reporting.

Harry J. Sweeney Post No. 2, William H. Jutras Post No. 43 and Manchester Post No. 79, all of Manchester, New Hampshire, will act as host Posts for Junior Baseball Regional No. 1, opening August 19. This completes assignment of the National American Legion Junior Baseball Tournaments for 1950. Other national tourney sites and dates were printed in National Adjutant's Letter No. 22.

Both House and Senate have now passed amendments to Social Security Act providing credit for World War II service under Old Age and Survivors Insurance program. The bill is now referred to conference committee to iron out differences in the House and Senate bills relating to other features of the Social Security Act, but since both Houses have approved credits for veterans based on assumed monthly earnings of \$160.00, it seems certain that final version of the Social Security Act amendments will include this provision. If and when adopted in final form by Congress and signed by the President, the authorization of Old Age and Survivors Insurance credits for World War II veterans will successfully end a seven-year educational and legislative campaign by the Legion.

Fred Eaker, Service Officer and Past Vice Commander of the Department of Oklahoma, passed away June 21. Funeral services were held at Blair, Oklahoma, on June 24.

Jeff Jack McNamee, Jr., 26-year old war veteran from College Park, Georgia, has been reported missing, apparently the victim of amnesia or "black out." McNamee is a member of American Legion Post No. 68, Athens, Tennessee. Anyone knowing of the whereabouts of this veteran should contact Mr. J. J. McNamee, Sr., 138 So. Main Street, College Park, Georgia - phone Calhoun 0918 (Atlanta).

Ed Bolt, National Convention Director, reports that plans for the 1950 Los Angeles Convention are well underway. The Convention Corporation requests the cooperation of all Departments in pushing early registration.

There are about 2.6 million fatherless children in the United States, according to figures published by the Federal Security Agency. Of this number, 23% are receiving benefits under Old Age and Survivors Insurance program, 11% are receiving some benefits from the Veterans Administration, and 12% are getting Aid to Dependent Children from public welfare departments.

All members of the Clarence Lewis family, Topeka, Kansas, are veterans. Father, mother and three sons were all in service during World War II - serving in the Air Force, Navy, Marines and WACs. They are all members of Capitol Post No. 1, Topeka.

Lyon W. Brandon, a member of the National Economic Commission, is making a trip through Latin America and South America. He plans to obtain information on job possibilities offered in Latin America, call on the heads of the government of several countries and in general, make an unofficial good will tour on behalf of The American Legion.

Department of Colorado is the only one of the 58 Departments of The American Legion which has broken its all-time high record for membership enrollment. On June 22 the Colorado Legion had 30,437 members paid-up at National Headquarters, against a quota of 30,400, or 100.12 per cent of its quota.

Dr. John D. Milligan, six-star member of East Liberty Post No. 5, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, will reach his 99th birthday on June 31. He is at present a patient in Aspinwall VA Hospital near Pittsburgh. Until further returns are received, this headquarters believes he can be called the oldest member of The American Legion.

National Commander George N. Craig will address the National Assembly of the National Education Association in Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Missouri, on July 6.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON  
 FROM : L. B. NICHOLS  
 SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION Gen'l

DATE: July 17, 1950

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 Mr. Glavin  
 Mr. Ladd  
 Mr. Nichols  
 Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. Tracy  
 Mr. Egan  
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 Mr. Pennington  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm  
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 Mr. Nease  
 Miss Holmes  
 Miss Gandy

SAC Foster of Indianapolis called at 11:45 AM today and talked with Mr. Holloman of my office. He stated that Ken Higgins of the American Legion Committee of the American Legion had called and advised that the executive session of this Committee of the American Legion of Indiana was in session and that they expected Commander Craig to attend this session.

Higgins stated that they were now thinking about passing a resolution calling upon the President to empower the FBI to act now against the subversives in the United States. Mr. Foster said Mr. Higgins also indicated that Commander Craig might telephonically communicate with the Director in this regard during the day some time.

Mr. Foster was advised that he should take no stand with regard to this matter and should neither encourage nor discourage Mr. Higgins in regard to this question.

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FROM : SAC, Cincinnati

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION CONTACT

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Rebutel to Cincinnati and Cleveland 5-15-50, concerning information developed by Indianapolis to the effect that a mock bomb attack would be made on a city in Ohio.

I recently discussed this matter with Colonel GEORGE MINGLE, Superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol and today Colonel MINGLE called me and said that arrangements had been made to have a ~~mock bomb attack~~ on the city of Marion, Ohio, on September 15, 1950. This is being arranged through the Adjutant General of the State of Ohio and other persons connected with Civilian Defense. It is not to be a surprise attack. Colonel MINGLE understands that approximately thirty days before the date of the attack there will be considerable publicity on the matter in order to alert the citizens of the area.

As further information is received concerning this I will advise the Bureau.

cc: Indianapolis (66-377)  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *DL*  
 FROM : L. R. Pennington *LRP*  
 SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION CONTACTS  
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DATE: July 26, 1950

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In compliance with instructions I arrived in Indianapolis Sunday, July 23, 1950, and conferred with National Commander George Craig relative to reactivating the Legion's program of cooperating with the FBI in a manner similar to the cooperation received during World War II. Inasmuch as all State Commanders had been called to Indianapolis for a conference, I subsequently laid the proposed program before the meeting.

Commander Craig and the attending Legionnaires were all enthusiastic in desiring to cooperate in making our internal security program a success.

I have secured from National Headquarters of the American Legion a booklet reflecting the names of National Officers, Department Officers, National Commissions and Committees for the fiscal year 1949-1950. I have also secured from National Headquarters a list of Department Commanders and Adjutants who are scheduled to function during the 1950-1951 fiscal year, both of which are attached hereto. You will note on the list of Department Commanders and Adjutants I have entered in ink certain dates which for your information are the dates state conventions for the election of new officers are to be held. Several conventions have already been held where the State Departments have not as yet advised National Headquarters as to the new officers and arrangements have been made to secure this information as soon as it is available.

I have conferred with Messrs. Baumgardner and Irwin concerning the proposed letters to be sent SACs relative to making appropriate contacts.  
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TO : Mr. Ladd *SL*

DATE: July 31, 1950

FROM : L. R. Pennington *LB*SUBJECT: *0* AMERICAN LEGION CONTACTS

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*min* Supplementing my memorandum of July 27, 1950, I have received from National Headquarters the following names of newly elected Department Commanders:

South Carolina - Commander O. D. Freeman, Loris, South Carolina  
 Vermont - Commander Russell M. Parker, Newport Center, Vermont.

In addition the following change has been reported of a Department Adjutant:

Vermont - Adjutant Edward H. Giles  
 Box 396, Montpelier, Vermont.

These will replace those in the booklet furnished you with my memorandum of July 26th.

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## THE SPOTLIGHT

PEACE INFORMATION CENTER. World Peace Partisans, Stalin's latest world front masquerading behind a "Peace, It's Wonderful" false front, has apparently opened its American headquarters at 56 West 45th Street, New York. The office is reputedly in charge of Mrs. Elizabeth MOOS, WILLIAM REMINGTON'S mother-in-law. In testifying before a Senate Sub-Committee, Remington cheerfully admitted that his mother-in-law had probably become a Communist, circa 1940. The Peace Information Center collects "peace" signatures which the Daily Worker is also plugging. According to Mrs. Moos, one hundred million signatures all over the world is, "just a beginning." They hope to get five million in this country.

PHILIP J. JAFFE—WALLACE BROWN, INC. The Manhattan telephone directory, a most handy research volume, lists the WALLACE BROWN christmas-card-company and Mr. PHILIP JAFFE, of AMERASIA notoriety, as using the same telephone....Murray Hill 5-1640....and presumably the same offices at 225 Fifth Avenue. The same address also houses the now defunct AMERASIA magazine where O.S.S. and F.B.I., in 1945 found over 1,700 secret and confidential government reports. According to a Fred Woltman article in a recent issue of the N.Y. World-Telegram-Sun, Wallace Brown and its two subsidiaries, Dollar Stationery Co., and Hudson Greetings, Inc., is one of the country's largest Christmas greeting card distributors with an estimated 250,000 families selling these cards to friends and relatives.

The Woltman article alleges that JAFFE "used part of his substantial income (from Christmas cards!) to finance Communist Party fronts." AMERASIA was presumably founded with JAFFE money and JAFFE himself paid a \$2,500 fine in connection with his indictment in 1945 on charges of theft of classified govern-

ment reports. He also paid the fine of co-defendant Emanuel Larsen. JAFFE now claims to have dropped all Communist front activity but he recently refused to testify before the Tydings Committee in Washington and his citation for contempt is now being weighed.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN, alien film comedian, who as a "citizen of the world", has never bothered to acquire American citizenship, is being plugged in all party-line publications. RICHARD LAUTERBACH, who is not particularly noted for being an anti-Communist, is doing a biography of Chaplin. Chaplin movies, some over thirty years old, are being given a terrific build-up in various party line publications. Various Legion Posts and whole districts, including Kings County, New York, have condemned Chaplin's un-American activities in the past, and have demanded boycotts of his films.

SECOND WORLD STUDENT CONGRESS... Saturday Evening Post for February 11, 1950, had a most illuminating article on "HOW COMMIES DEFAME AMERICA ABROAD", covering the 1949 WORLD YOUTH and STUDENT FESTIVAL at Budapest last year. The festival was jointly sponsored by two notorious Stalinoid fronts: the WORLD FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC YOUTH and the INTERNATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS. This year the I.U.S. will hold its second World Congress at Prague, Czechoslovakia, August 14-28, according to a release from the COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COOPERATION. The mimeographed blurb boasts that "students from more than 64 countries will meet at this Congress to seek ways in which students of the world can jointly participate in working for peace."

144 Bleecker Street, New York, is given as the address of the C.I.S.C. -- same old address formerly used by AMERICAN YOUTH FOR A FREE WORLD, now presumably operating under a new name. And the same old 'phone number -- Algonquin 4-9892 -- of A.Y.F.F.W. is being used by its latter day successor, the C.I.S.C. The application blank to be filled out by prospective suckers

for this Stalino "peace" racket is just about what a smart Czech secret police officer would want to know about the visiting Amerikanskies including a lulu: "Have you any relatives, friends or acquaintances in Czechoslovakia? ....If so, give names and addresses."

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### 'TIS THE FINAL CONFLICT

This issue of the Summary, because of several extraordinary developments in the past month, is materially different from previous issues both in organization and presentation of material. The gravity of the world situation and certain trends in our own country combine to make this one of the most important and serious issues put out by the National Americanism Commission since the inception of the Summary a little over three years ago. "Quips and Bits" and all other relatively unimportant matter have been squeezed out to make this of dead serious consideration to every Legionnaire reading it. It is not intended to amuse, interest or inform but to arouse and activate Legion action. Intelligent, determined, crusading ACTION. The time for talking, speculating, debating, and merely denouncing Communism is past. Americans have now talked and argued about Communism for thirty years but have done precious little that actually hurt or retarded this most sinister force ever to threaten western civilization and all that it stands for.

The last two lines of the chorus of the INTERNATIONALE, which many Communists sing with deepest emotion and fanatical fervor, reads:

"'Tis the final conflict -- let each stand in his place.

The International Soviet shall be the human race."

The years 1950-1951 are inexorably leading to the final conflict. This is truly the time when each American must stand in his place -- openly or secretly with

the world Soviet Empire (as so many have already elected to do) or, on the side of God, America, and what is left of a once free world.

It must be obvious to even a simpleton that in the present titanic alignment of world forces in the gravest hour of all history, there cannot be any neutrals, kibitzers on the sidelines, or fence straddlers. LET EACH STAND IN HIS PLACE. You are either with this country and the rest of western civilization wholeheartedly, irrevocably, and unreservedly or you are with the enemy -- the red-fascist hosts of advancing world communism. The battle is now clearly joined, as all who are capable of understanding such a simple proposition can now plainly see. The battle lines however, because they are political and ideological instead of military, are still badly confused and hard to define in the minds of many, particularly those totally devoid of any training or experience in communist activities, propaganda, and methods of operation. There are still far too many good, sound, and honest people on our side who do not have the foggiest notion of the nature of the cold war and whose confused and uninformed minds are still cluttered up with the rubbish of sly communist propaganda.

The half-wit, no matter how patriotic and loyal, who opens the seacocks in the bottom of his own ship in time of battle because someone told him that this would give greater stability to the vessel is most certainly going to help sink his own fighting ship with far greater certainty than all the bombs, shells, and torpedoes of the enemy. This critical issue of the Summary is therefore almost entirely devoted to a most critical situation in our country brought about by the well-meaning but badly advised fools on our side who are busily opening the Kingston valves under the delusion that they are contributing something to the battle for survival. The armed Greeks inside the wooden horse captured and destroyed theretofore impregnable Troy. But don't forget that it was the fools of Troy, who threw open the gates and eagerly helped to haul the

Trojan Horse into their city, that made this classic military conquest possible. And it should also be remembered that George Dimitrov, Secretary General of the Communist International, openly boasted at the Seventh and last World Congress of the Comintern that world communists must read and employ the lesson of the Trojan Horse.

The highly integrated, intelligently directed, and vigilantly policed world communist movement or conspiracy does not have to worry about fools and half-wits cramping its freedom of movement. These people unfortunately are concentrated in our camp and therefore enormously complicate and hamper our few feeble defensive efforts. J. Edgar Hoover of the F.B.I. may be able to make a fairly accurate estimate of the known and suspected Communist Party members in this country and their half million or more dupes, camp followers, and henchmen, but no American can guess (even to the nearest million) how many political illiterates, cretins, morons, and imbeciles we have lousing up the lines of battle on our side. The long and shameful history of over a thousand communist fronts embracing millions of well-meaning but badly informed dupes; the nationwide controversy over the guilt or innocence of Mr. Alger Hiss; the hundreds of thousands who rush to the defense of every imperilled comrade or exposed communist front or activity; and all the countless millions of others who have in the past fallen for one or more communist party line stunts and cleverly disguised communist propaganda add up to a depressingly high total.

For example, millions of loyal, sound, and otherwise intelligent people still believe Alger Hiss to be the innocent victim of a most dastardly plot, or at least a serious miscarriage of justice. Roving ambassadors, Supreme Court justices and many other worthy, highly respected and highly placed citizens were eager to testify to the convicted perjurer's good character or reputation. Of course, they could not testify that Hiss had not been a secret Soviet agent, as only Soviet intelligence officers and



Stalinist spymasters in this country would be in a position to do so. So they did the next best thing. They testified to his high integrity, fine career, excellent family life, brilliant intellect, etc., etc., under the delusion that the sum total of all these graces must wipe out the vicious slander that Hiss had at one time in his life, while a trusted State Department official, passed classified government papers to a self-admitted Soviet courier and spy.

In other words, a protege of Supreme Court justices, with a fine family background and superior Harvard accent could not possibly have been a foreign agent. Spies are obviously sinister looking, black-haired European types with shifty eyes and traces of an accent, dodging about at night without any visible means of support. We had, of course, forgotten all about the Annapolis-graduate and former naval officer, Mr. Farnsworth, who sold his country out to the Japs before the war. In other words, many of us are victims of our own ignorance and delusions as far as subversion, sedition, and espionage is concerned.

It came as quite a shock to many of us that of the fifty or sixty suspected Soviet spies or former high-ranking government officials, who allegedly leaked top secret information to Soviet agents and couriers, only three or four were foreign born. ALL THE REST WHO COULD NOT ANSWER THE SIMPLEST QUESTIONS LEST THEY INCRIMINATE THEMSELVES WERE NOT ONLY NATIVE BORN BUT WERE MAINLY INTELLECTUALS WITH PH.D'S AND PHI BETA KAPPAS BY THE BUSHEL. NOT ONE WAS A NEGRO, WORKER, FARMER, OR SO-CALLED "LITTLE FELLOW". They were all men of distinction; not a few of them listed in "Who's Who".

For the first time in our history we found ourselves faced with an ugly, and to many, an unpalatable situation, i.e., the disclosure that mass espionage and subversion, on a gigantic scale never before attempted, had apparently been set up by the Russians under our very noses in return for the favor of recognition in 1933. Not so much a mass infiltration of Soviet agents

as a mass seduction of a considerable number of unsuspected but strategically placed, native-born Americans. The far-reaching and highly efficient spy networks disclosed by Whittaker Chambers and Elizabeth Bentley, later fortified and confirmed by the confessions of Hedy Massing and Julian Wadleigh, were first received, by even the otherwise hard-bitten F.B.I., with skepticism and doubt. The Judy Coplon, Fuchs, Gold, and other cases followed as clinchers but many Americans still remained unconvinced -- or uninterested. That the Soviet Union would engage in mass espionage against this country while we were allied together in a life and death struggle against the Axis powers and were pouring eleven billion dollars of lend-lease aid into almost defeated Russia was simply too hard to believe. What it proved, needless to point out, was that mass ignorance on the part of most Americans as to Soviet Russia, its world empire goal, and its strategy and tactics made most of us incapable of believing what we saw and heard.

The fact that native-born Americans, of excellent reputation and background, with high scholastic records and professional standing, as well as glittering social connections, had sold themselves out to a foreign country which they had never seen, was simply past belief. Like the simple and obdurate farmer who muttered "There ain't no sech animal" when he saw his first giraffe, many Americans refused to believe the evidence presented. Undoubtedly many millions still believe that the whole red spy business is more or less a political red herring dragged across the national scene for purely partisan politics. Psychologists teach that it is always harder to swallow an unpalatable fact than it is to down a comforting and soul-warming delusion. We are a comparatively young and trusting people. We like to be well thought of and highly regarded by others. Old accepted Anglo-Saxon custom holds that every man is innocent until proven guilty. "Evil to him who thinks evil" and "Live and let live" are both firmly rooted in our mores.

The so-called "opinion molders", intelligentsia, business executives, and other highly articulate elements of our society were naturally most positive and vociferous on subjects which obviously most of them knew little or nothing about. These subjects are counter intelligence, espionage, subversion, and security. So-called "liberal" columnists, radio commentators, and other "experts" on everything under the sun were full of sage opinions and observations. They knew all the answers. The natural result was bedlam, confusion twice confounded, and bitterest controversy.

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#### THE EDUCATED IDIOT

We come now to a most profound psychological problem -- or perhaps more correctly psychopathological -- upon which the very future of America turns. That is the problem of that peculiarly American phenomenon, dubbed by Eugene Lyons, "the educated idiot." Or perhaps in more temperate terminology, the fool educated beyond his natural intelligence. All authorities on communism in this country are agreed that the overwhelming majority of Stalinist dupes and camp followers come, not from the working class or so-called "oppressed minorities" but, from decadent and confused middle class elements who might be lumped together as petty bourgeois intellectuals and professionals. Everyday workers and farmers are close to the hard cold facts of reality. They cannot afford to make many mistakes or smoke the hashish pipe of Marxism-Leninism. College professors, ministers, scientists, artists, writers, and other professionals with assured incomes, but no solid ideological anchorages, are apparently more prone to "hit the pipe" of Marxism as a form of escape from the ugly and seamy facts of reality. The educated idiot is today the chief and most dangerous ally and protector of what Whittaker Chambers so aptly termed "the secret enemy within our lines."

They rush to the defense of every petty and expendable Stalinist in trouble. They pack the lobbies of our legislatures to howl down and block even the most trifling and unimportant anti-communist legislation. They supply the manpower and finances for every communist front and fraudulent hoax with which the Muscovites befuddle, divide and confuse our people. They attack and attempt to destroy every ex-Communist who tries to make amends for his unpatriotic past by speaking or acting against the Communist conspiracy. They back-stab, deride, and vilify the Hester McCulloughs and other fearless anti-Communists who have the patriotism and nerve to attack the communist conspiracy lone-handed. Under the noble guise of "protecting the Bill of Rights and basic American liberties," they supply the clever legal talent which knows how to slow down and mullify our legal procedures against an alien criminal conspiracy on our soil. They hatch and spawn the thousand and one ingenious schemes and issues which tend to divide, weaken, befuddle, and confuse our people so that interest and attention cannot be focused on the communist menace in our midst. They form the wolf pack yapping and snapping at the heels of our Senator McCarthy's and others trying to do a job of housecleaning. They are the geniuses who come up with a thousand quack nostrums and sure-cure fake remedies for communism -- all of them utterly worthless, all of them fraudulently or ignorantly concocted. They are the pompous stuffed shirts in high government positions who orate that there is not a single communist in the federal government and then have to eat crow a couple of days later when a few more are uncovered and unceremoniously fired.

Any F.B.I. man, intelligence, or security officer in Washington will tell you that no one, not even the Director of the F.B.I., can possibly swear or testify that there are no communists in the vast reaches of the Federal government. In 1941 no less than one thousand prominent and highly respected Americans, college presidents, clergymen, and other leading citizens signed a

statement published in the Daily Worker that there was absolutely no basis whatever for the whispered slanders that communists were entrenched in certain government jobs. How could any man above the mental classification of an idiot possibly testify to such an allegation? These thousand prominent Americans were obviously expressing an opinion on something they could not possibly know anything about. Nearly all of the communists and Soviet spies later uncovered, self-confessed, or convicted were in fact in top government jobs at the very moment when this prize collection of one thousand boobs signed their famous, or rather ludicrous, "Open Letter." The only trouble was, they had not bothered to tell anyone, not even the F.B.I. that they were in fact engaged in espionage and theft of classified government material and so of course their presence in the government was not public knowledge.

In addition to the subversives and traitors themselves, and obviously they do little talking, there are only two small groups of men, largely concentrated in Washington, who know the full and real inside story of subversion and espionage in this country. They are F.B.I. men and other government security and intelligence officials and they also obviously can do very little talking. The second group is composed of non-government experts, smart journalists, Congressmen who have access to facts, and a few others. The second group gets most of its information on the q.t. from those in the first group who talk to trusted confidants. Others, pretending to talk with authority on the whole complex and constantly changing subject of subversion, espionage and sedition, are obviously talking through their hats. It is one of the supreme ironies of our American system, which must amuse and encourage Moscow no end, that those people in the United States who know the most about Communism, (i.e., the F.B.I. and other government intelligence officers) remain gagged and muted by official decree and custom, while on the other hand, those who know the least about the subject, (i.e., the

blatherskite ignoramus, and publicity seeker) do most of the talking. The few non-government experts with something to say are either inhibited by our libel laws, which protect the traitor as well as the innocent, or they have no outlets for their information. The whole Amerasia case, for example, was aired in Plain Talk over three years ago, but how many Americans read this admirable little magazine which never received adequate financial support?

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#### A NEW AND MOST SINISTER DEVELOPMENT.

We come now to another most important matter. There is now underway a nationwide and apparently well-coordinated and inspired campaign to destroy the credibility of ex-communists testifying against their former co-conspirators. It was started by a Daily Worker lead editorial on May 4. These people have always been abused and vilified by the communists as "rats", "stoolpigeons", and other names, some unprintable. It should be understood first that they represent only a small fraction of those who have been expelled or who voluntarily departed from Stalin's service. Most ex-communists tend to forget their unpleasant and seditious experience and prefer to lapse into silence the rest of their lives. They have no stomach for the slander, abuse, and hounding from job to job that the communist vengeance camarilla has set up to make life unbearable for those who speak against the party. Even speaking against the movement, however, is a lesser crime to the one communist sin unpardonable -- identifying or testifying against a secret and unknown communist. The very lowest pits in the communist Hell of character assassination, physical intimidation, and psychological torment of wives and children is reserved for that "lowest form of humanity" -- the former comrade who puts the finger on a crypto-communist. Now a new wrinkle has been added.

The cryptos, party stooges, and half-wits who peddle the C.P. line, without knowing what they are doing, are busily fostering the canard in every publicity media available to them, that Stalin is now pulling a new stunt. He is allegedly sending out trusted party men to pose as disgruntled ex-communists, in order to besmirch and slander suspected comrades. The "line" goes that communists are so treacherous, so utterly deceitful, so Machiavellian that it is entirely possible some of the more vocal ex-party members are secretly still Stalinists carrying out diversionary activities with which to befuddle and confuse the rest of us. WHETHER THIS LINE APPEARS IN THE U.S. NEWS, THE WASHINGTON STAR, FROM THE MOUTH OF A U.S. SENATOR, OR BLATHERSKITE RADIO COMMENTATOR, THIS SUMMARY UNHESITANTLY DENOUNCES IT AS A SIMON PURE COMMUNIST HOAX AND INGENIOUS PSYCHOLOGICAL GIMMICK THE SOLE PURPOSE OF WHICH IS QUITE PLAIN AND SIMPLE--UTTERLY TO DISCREDIT AND REJECT ALL FORMER COMMUNISTS WHO MAY TESTIFY AGAINST OR HELP TO EXPOSE THE CONSPIRACY WITH WHICH THEY WERE ONCE CONNECTED.

The U.S. News in a recent May 19 issue, two weeks after the Daily Worker tip-off editorial, had the temerity to attribute the origin of this vicious communist poisoned stiletto stab to no one less than J. Edgar Hoover. Hoover was not directly quoted but a particularly slippery journalistic device was used to insinuate that Mr. Hoover was "thinking" along these lines. The U.S. News did not indicate how it knew what Mr. Hoover was thinking about. Probably mental telepathy! Numerous others, including the usual percentage of fools, who readily pick up and parrot the ideas of others, have helped give momentum and credibility to this most vicious fraud. EVERY COMMUNIST EXPERT KNOWS AND WILL TESTIFY THAT THERE NEVER HAS BEEN A SINGLE KNOWN INSTANCE, AT LEAST IN THIS COUNTRY, OF A COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER, STILL UNDER PARTY CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE, EVER, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE WHATEVER, EVEN WHERE HIS OR HER OWN FREEDOM WAS INVOLVED (AS IN THE RECENT DENVER AND LOS ANGELES CASES) TESTIFYING

AGAINST OR EVEN IDENTIFYING A SINGLE OTHER COMMUNIST NO MATTER HOW EXPENDABLE OR UNIMPORTANT THE OTHER COMMUNIST MAY HAVE BEEN. It is an inviolable law of the communist conspiracy that no comrade may ever, even under torture, betray another comrade. In exceptional cases communists may reject the Soviet Union and even deny Stalin, but no communist under any circumstance whatever may ever betray another comrade to the class enemy. So watch for this canard and blow it up, no matter who the individual is who may be mouthing it without even dimly understanding what he is doing.

Senator Chavez of New Mexico, a good man and a good American but, evidently not very sharp or sophisticated, recently burned his fingers, but good, when he innocently tried to pull a red hot chestnut out of the communist fire by giving wider currency to a particularly low and vile communist slander against Louis Budenz. The Senator, undoubtedly with the best intentions of the world, became the third man on a sort of "Tinkers- to Evans- to Chance" play intended by the Communist Party to put Mr. Budenz out of the game for good. That sterling American and lovely character, HARRY SACHER, now facing a six months jail term for contempt of court in the trial of eleven top C.P. gauleiters in Judge Medina's court, is known to have had access (as the attorney-of-record in the John SANTO deportation hearings) to the smear material on Budenz, who put the finger on SANTO as a top alien-Communist illegally in this country. Washington newspapermen and Counterattack have charged that SACHER passed the mudbucket to either ABE FORTIAS (Lattimore's lawyer) or his partner THURMOND ARNOLD, who in turn handed it to poor old Chavez to dump on BUDENZ, a co-religionist of the Senator from New Mexico.

The New Mexican solon probably did not have the foggiest notion that the calculated destruction of the credibility of key ex-party people, as witnesses through the most vicious and infamous slanders, is and has been



for a long time one of the top priority tasks of the embattled communists. Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts delivered what was probably one of the best reasoned out and most eloquent rebuttals to the whole sorry Chavez mess. (Copies of this speech are available upon application to all Summary recipients by addressing a postal card to the Americanism Division.) This Chavez fiasco is cited merely to point out how easily uninformed non-Communists, who fondly believe they are engaged in some patriotic or worthy action, can very unwittingly be made into dupes for some particularly vicious piece of Communist dirty work. The befuddlement and entrapment of good, loyal non-communists and innocents and their utilization by adroit Stalinists in some devious pro-party enterprise is a vast and absorbing subject in itself, as well as, a most depressing commentary on the gullibility and naivete of millions of basically sound and patriotic people on our side, who know less about Communist swindling than a Zulu knows about Arctic exploration.

A far more serious development, however, than the hornswoggling of the innocents, has been the spread of the deadly virus of Soviet-inspired defeatism in this country. Since the beginning of the human race, men have exhausted their cunning and guile to overawe their enemies or to frighten them into paralyzed defeatism. The trick, of course, is to convince your intended victims that you are invincible and invulnerable and that all resistance is therefore futile. The psychological trick is to hypnotize or make your enemies believe that all resistance is suicidal and that retreat, appeasement, and ultimate surrender are the only way out. The deadly poisonous propaganda line of the Soviets in this country through every form of mass communications available to them is that Russia is militarily invincible and that world Communism is in effect the "wave of the future" and hence irresistible and invulnerable to any form of counterattack. Again this defeatist and demoralizing line is spread not alone by known Communists but by well-meaning, though badly advised fools, on our side of the battle. Watch for it! You will be astonished to find

traces of this deadly virus in various mass communications media where one would never expect to find it.

The "line", needless to say, is subtle and most adroitly camouflaged. In brief, Russian weaknesses are never exposed or even hinted at -- only those on our side. The possibility of discovering and exploiting chinks in the Soviet armor is also never discussed. On the contrary, Soviet Russia is generally painted as invulnerable, intractable, and totally impervious to any form of attack. It is always the West which is "backing the wrong horse" or trying to make a stand on an indefensible line. The question of successfully planning and mounting a worldwide counterattack and forcing the alleged "iron men" of the Kremlin to beat at least a tactical retreat and to make some concessions, is also never offered as even existing in the realm of possibility.

It is always the West which must retreat, "sit down once more and talk it over", and yield up some more of the rapidly shrinking free world. The demoralization "line" summed up is, that the Soviet Union and its inscrutable Communist masters are unfathomable, irresistible, impregnable to any and all conceivable means of attack and hence, invincible. Former C.P. members will testify that the central core of the whole fanatical faith of Bolshevism, rests upon the doctrine of historical inevitability. They can't lose -- history is on their side. We can't possibly win -- western bourgeois democratic capitalism is doomed.

VERA MICHELLES DEAN, of the Foreign Policy Association, has probably been one of the most successful and earliest practitioners of this modern day form of pro-Soviet voodooism. Today there are many other "foreign experts", writers, editors, pundits, and radio "experts" on every subject under the sun who assiduously peddle this "line" -- "It's no use; you can't beat the Soviets." Out of that line inexorably flows the whole destructive chain of various forms

of appeasement and retreat: "waiting for the dust to settle", hoping for the best, "things have a way of working out for the best", making the best of a bad situation, "no use bucking a trend", etc., etc. They all add up to one total -- defeatism, demoralization, and still further retreat.

There seems to be a widespread delusion abroad in this country that a nation or a military force can only be overthrown or destroyed by a superior military force. Any military man knows that a military force need not necessarily be physically destroyed or wiped out in armed conflict in order to remove it as a center of power. It can be surrounded and captured intact after it is maneuvered into an indefensible position. Or it can be sapped and demoralized to a position where the will to fight, the will to resist, is more or less leached out of the organization and military resistance rendered impossible. Whereupon it is either scattered to the winds like so many sheep, or cut to pieces and rounded up piecemeal as the "finest army in the world" as France was in 1940. Similarly, in this modern age a nation does not have to be physically over run and destroyed by armed force in order to remove it from the scene of history. It can also be sapped, vitiated, demoralized, rotted through, bled white economically, deprived of allies, and finally maneuvered through a long series of weakening retreats to a position where a final fight is useless.

Don't fall for communist-inspired demoralization propaganda, no matter from which supposedly respectable quarter or source it comes. Learn how to spot it. Learn how to refute and expose Soviet demoralization propaganda.

The unarmed and totally defeated West Germans, and the poorly equipped and well nigh surrounded Yugoslavs are not afraid of the Big Bad Russian Bear. But a lot of so-called "Americans" are. They are mainly men and women of very little intelligence and no courage but they are also the first victims of highly successful Soviet psychological warfare being waged against us. They couldn't take it.

The fact, of course, is that this country has been subjected to a continuous barrage of Soviet propaganda for over thirty years. This barrage has been stepped up in intensity in the past five years, since the end of World War II, when the Soviets were freed of all danger from Nazi Germany. We still do not have a single, nationally recognized institute for the analysis of Soviet and Communist propaganda. Call this to the attention of the Rockefeller, Carnegie, and other foundations which have millions and billions for research in every conceivable field of human thought and endeavor — except this one, protecting the United States whose wealth and genius made the piling up of these billions possible.

At this point it is very important that every Legionnaire clearly understand the nature of our established governmental defenses against foreign inspired subversion. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is a sub-agency or department of the Department of Justice. By law and established procedure it can investigate and report on subversive activities only to the Attorney General of the U.S. It cannot even make recommendations. It cannot even warn or advise Congress or the American public whose taxes pays the F.B.I. bill. That is why some of the "Hollywood contemptibles" crowed in Washington:

"Why, if I have done anything wrong, subversive or illegal, why has not the F.B.I. arrested me?"

They knew only too well why the F.B.I. was powerless to act except in clearly established cases of law violation. Only new and stricter laws, like the Mundt-Ferguson Bill, can properly take care of a lot of subversion which today is still entirely within the law, and the commies know it only too well.

Yet a lot of badly informed Americans feel that the Communist menace cannot be very serious, "otherwise the F.B.I. surely would have done something."

We repeat. THE F.B.I. CAN DO NO MORE THAN INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ITS UNEVALUATED FINDINGS, WITHOUT ANY SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS, TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL.

The Department of Justice has moved against the communist conspiracy, to the extent of indicting and successfully convicting the eleven top leaders of the C.P., U.S.A. It has also proceeded against about twenty other communists and/or camp followers for various minor misdemeanors, contempt of Congress, passport falsification, perjury, etc. It is now also starting to pick up a few suspected Soviet spies -- only three or four -- and these a full five years after the Canadian spy disclosures and apparently as a by-product of the Fuchs case and not as a result of information available on Soviet espionage available from Elizabeth Bentley, Whittaker Chambers, Julian Wadleigh, Hedy Massing, and others unknown who have told what they knew of American communist spying in behalf of Soviet Russia.

The record of the Bureau of Naturalization and Immigration is equally unimpressive. Alex Bittleman and a number of other alien commies illegally in this country were picked up or cited for deportation as far back as September, 1947. NOT ONE HAS AS YET BEEN DEPORTED. Alexander Stevens, John Santo, the two Eislers, Hans and Gerhardt, and a few others all departed voluntarily. They did not have to leave had they elected to stay and exploit endless American legal safeguards and delays but their Soviet masters presumably had more important work for them elsewhere so they left under their own steam.

The House Un-American Activities Committee and the California Joint Legislative Committee, at least while Jack Tenney was Chairman, hung up wonderful records of informing and educating the American people on the nature of the communist conspiracy in our midst and how it works. The House Committee will shortly be the subject of an American Legion Magazine article so it would be redundant to recapitulate its history and useful service here. Suffice to

say, however, that this all-important permanent Congressional committee cannot arrest, cannot deport, cannot indict and cannot do much to put Communism out of business in the U.S. In addition to California, the Maryland, Mississippi and New York legislatures have passed some effective subversive activities control legislation. In Maryland this legislation, the quite comprehensive Ober Law, has stood the test of the State Supreme Court. The Mississippi legislation is patterned on the Ober Law. None of the other forty-four states, except for the short-lived Washington State Committee under Senator Canwell, have done anything worth even mentioning en passant as having seriously crippled or even inconvenienced the communist conspiracy. And the Mundt-Ferguson subversive activities control bill is still tightly bottled up in the Senate without any Senator particularly distinguishing himself in seeing that this bill is brought up for consideration. Consensus of opinion in Washington is, that it stands little or no chance of passage in the present Congress.

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#### STICKS AND STONES

Today practically everyone is an anti-communist. Talk is cheap -- and safe. Thirty years of denunciatory speeches, Fourth of July orations, resolutions, name-calling, and making faces at the Stalinists appears to have had little or no discernible retarding influence whatever on Stalin's Fifth Column in America. At least J. Edgar Hoover and other competent authorities tell us, that despite some trifling setbacks recently, the communists still have things pretty much their way. According to the Director of the F.B.I., and he certainly should know, communist influence and activity, largely indirect and covert, is at an all time high. The explanation is quite simple. WE TALK -- THE COMMIES WORK.

While some top government official denounces them as "rodents" or "traitors"; while patriotic organizations pass endless and rescinding resolutions; and, while other good Americans virtuously assail and reject the tenets of Marxism-Leninism, the Stalinists are busy night and day stealing every type of military and industrial secret they can; planting their cells and nuclei throughout the nation's bloodstream and nerve system; slipping the poisoned needle of pro-Soviet propaganda into every muscle and nerve in our body politic; and, in brief, busily proliferating and expanding their insidious and many-sided conspiracy as well as "legal" activities. They work while we sleep -- or look the other way. Or while most of us are "too busy" with what we consider more important matters -- most of which boil down to sheer self-interest or self-advancement.

In this year of fateful decision, every American and certainly every Legionnaire must search his conscience and seriously ask himself two simple questions. 1. "What have I ever done in the past of some tangible, practical value that really hurt or set back communism in this country?" 2. "What can I now do to take my place in the firing line and really shoot at least a few telling shots at the secret enemy in our midst?" Remember the old childhood saying -- "Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me!" All the millions of words, resolutions, speeches, epithets, and curses hurled at Stalin's quislings in our midst have not to date broken a single minor shinbone. The time for action is NOW. This issue and every issue of this Summary is a guide to effective and intelligent Legion action. This Summary and books, pamphlets, periodicals and government reports, which the National Americanism Commission recommends, are heavy ammunition in the cold war against subversion. Pass the ammunition! Get up on the firing step. Merely reading for interest's sake or filing such material for future reference is most positively not going to hurt a single Stalinist, and in reality is throwing away "ammo" needed at the front.

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### WHAT YOU CAN DO

A standard complaint of most Americans, including even Legionnaires, is always "Well, what can I as a lone individual do in the fight against subversion?"

The answer is "Plenty!"

Even a bed-ridden cripple with a limited income can surprisingly enough contribute a few good telling licks against the comrades. It is not so much a matter of experience and training, as it is to have the will to get into the fight. The trained and experienced anti-Communist fighters are available. Consult with them, use them as speakers and lecturers, buy and distribute their books, and see that they are given every opportunity to move their artillery into the firing line in order to open up on the enemy. Secure from the National Americanism Commission its list of recommended speakers as well as the Recommended Reading List. The latter is revised three or four times a year and lists all worthwhile books, pamphlets and reports.

You don't have to become a deeply grounded scholar in Marxist-Leninist literature to learn how to spot a phony communist front or how to obtain dependable information on doubtful individuals, organizations or movements. In other words, inform yourself first with a basic amount of necessary information and know-how, and then pass this along to others. Become a missionary in the very best sense of the word. Stir up and activate the sluggards and shirkers. Patiently instruct and set straight the dullards and fools. Or at least see that they do not clutter up the battle lines with idiotic advice and diversionary and sabotaging activity.

Nearly every issue of the American Legion Magazine contains an excellent article exposing some aspect of Communism or making some practical



advice available on how you can hurt the communist conspiracy at very little cost of either time or money. The July issue has a very important article exposing Communist use of legal terrorization with some very strong, sound suggestions of how to abate this Stalinist nuisance. EVERY LAWYER IN THE U.S. SHOULD BE CAUSED TO READ THIS ARTICLE. IT SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED AT EVERY BAR ASSOCIATION CONVENTION AND MEETING BY LEGION LAWYERS.

Over two years ago, then Commander Jimmy O'Neil, wrote a special article for the Magazine in which he made a number of suggestions, one of which was that every Legion Post should have at least one reasonably qualified expert or consultant on communist fronts and techniques who could check or know where to get names checked and get authentic information as a public or community service. How many Posts now have such experts? It is extremely important that the Americanism Division have the names and addresses of all such qualified experts so that literature and reports received in limited quantities can be mailed to them. Each issue of the Summary, in the future, will devote space to practical hints and advice on precisely what every American can do to fire at least one or two shots at the enemy. This new classification will be sub-headed "ON THE FIRING LINE."

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#### MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

The U.S. government has filed a 400 page brief with the Second District U.S. Court of Appeals pleading that the review court uphold the conviction of the eleven top communists found guilty last summer of teaching and advocating conspiracy to overthrow, etc. The eleven convicted Politburo members were denied permission by the court to barnstorm the country on the alleged project of raising defense funds. U.S. attorneys argued that if they

were given permission to travel about the country freely, the convicted communists would in all probability resume the very activities for which they had just been convicted. The comrades claimed that they also needed the travel time in order to warn the country against the dangers of the Mundt-Ferguson Bill.

A blunt warning that the film industry's executives "have a public relations responsibility in fighting Communism" has been issued by the Motion Picture Alliance for the Preservation of American Ideals. The group is made up of anti-communist actors, directors, writers, and other filmsters. A full-page advertisement in trade papers, placed by the M.P.A., warned that a public demand for Hollywood to clean out its communists was re-arising with much greater pressure than before. Said the alliance ad, "America is insisting on a complete delousing." The Alliance went on to charge that it had received little or no help from top movie executives....and "that a few have tried to destroy us." This alludes to the known boycott of certain anti-communists who testified before the House Un-American Activities Committee in late 1947. Some have not worked since. The Legion can and will gladly testify to the fact that while certain companies have adopted a patriotic and intelligent attitude toward public protests and demands that subversives be deloused out of the industry, several other companies have very bad records of duplicity and talking out of two sides of their mouths at once. Top executives, at least one with a known ~~commy~~ as secretary, have talked a good line denouncing the Muscovites, but have thus far done nothing, either to fire well-known communists and fellow travelers, or to help any anti-communist causes, publications, organizations or individuals.

The M.P.A. estimates that of some 30,000 workers, in the film industry, only 100 are "actual, hard-bitten, revolutionary, subversive Communists." No estimate was made, of the total number of dupes, financial

contributors, camp followers, and other comy-coddlers and wet-nurses to Stalinists and Stalinoid causes.

American Bolshies find it hard to break Soviet examples and precedents. They may use American terminology in carrying out Russian directives, but a tell-tale odor of the original Soviet inspiration always lingers on. Some of the earlier would be Lenins and Stalins in this country even affected the clothing and smoking habits of their Russian heroes. Evidently, following the classic examples of Stalin's various Troikas or triumvirates, the American branch agency of Stalin's conspiracy has also set up a Troika over here to rule the C.P., U.S.A. during the enforced absence of Comrade Dennis, now in durance vile for contempt of Congress. The American Troika consists of GUS HALL, JOHN WILLIAMSON and HENRY WINSTON. All three demonstrate a high faith in American slow-footed justice and endless legalistic delays because they themselves are all under sentence for conspiracy.

The Westchester County Grand Jury has finally handed up a 9,000 word presentation on the Peekskill riots and disorders of last Fall. It became public just as this Summary was being closed out and will therefore be covered in full detail in the July issue.

JOSEPH P. KAMP, executive vice president of the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATION LEAGUE, went to jail in Washington, D. C., on June 16, for refusing to produce records for 1944.

There have been several interesting and significant shifts of emphasis in official Communist propaganda in the past month. The Monthly Analysis of C.P. propaganda is based on the Daily Worker, Sunday Worker and weekly edition of the Peoples World. The phony communist peace offensive is now gathering world-wide momentum and importance. The avowed objective is to secure 300,000,000 signers, to the Stockholm declaration, with an anticipated

5,000,000 Americans being suckered. It is interesting to note that a subversive movement (holed up underground, literally trembling in its boots and practically defunct and out of business as some ignoramuses would have the American people believe) was able on June 19 to mobilize ten thousand peace petitioner collectors in New York City alone. They swarmed like proverbial bees all over the big city, even descending into the subways to buttonhole busy Gothamites. Never underestimate the subversive potential of the communist movement.

It should also be noted that "Phony Peace Propaganda" has now soared in our analysis to top place with over 3116 column inches, or fully a thousand column inches more than the commies devoted to their next most important classification, "Defensive Material on Comrades in Trouble, Arrests, Trials, etc."

COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE SEMINARS. Ed Clamage of Illinois, Louis Becker of Kenosha, Wisconsin, John Denman of Michigan, Bob Gross of Fairmont, West Virginia, and General Fisher of California, deserve special commendation and honorable mention for recently arranging or conducting effective and well attended meetings or conferences on how to expose and combat subversive activities. Obviously, other Legionnaires assisted or participated in these various conferences, but incomplete reports make it impossible on short notice to list all the others who helped to make these important meetings successful.

The conferences in the Departments of Illinois and California were both well attended, and presented top-notch bills of speakers. Ed Clamage, for example, used almost all nationally known experts and talent in this very limited field. Rabbi Benjamin Schultz, Frank Hughes, Larry Kerley, Col. Joseph Triner, Senator Paul Broyles, Benjamin Gitlow, Elizabeth Bentley, Vincent Hartnett, and Walter Wiles need no introduction to Legionnaires. Paul Voronaeff, of Indianapolis, was a newcomer to Legion counter-subversive conferences, but

he soon demonstrated, by an extremely fine presentation, that he very definitely is a top-notch in this field. He spoke on Soviet Slave Labor Camps, having suffered for two years in them himself.

If other Departments, or Legion sub-divisions, held counter-subversive conferences in recent months, please advise the Americanism Division. No slight of omission is intended, but we have no way of knowing about such meetings if you don't tell Headquarters about it.

How many Departments are now preparing for Fall counter-subversive conferences?

Speakers are limited in number and many are already being booked for regular Fall lecture tours. You will have to get your appropriations from your Department Conventions this Summer or you won't have any money next Fall. Now is the time to lay the groundwork. How about some of the big Departments, which have to date either done nothing whatever or have not advised the National Americanism Commission what they have done or are planning to do?

Americans today are highly eager to receive authentic, objective information on the communist conspiracy. They want to know what the Stalinists in our country are up to and what can be done about the Fifth Column menace. There is no better public relations work which any Legion sub-division, Department, District, County, or Post can possibly engage in and get a higher public good will return.

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MONTHLY ANALYSIS OF COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA

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1. Phony communist "peace" offensive, World Partisans of Peace, etc....	3116
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MRS. McCULLOUGH'S LIGHT. The hung jury in the AL-DRAPER vs Mrs. John

T. McCullough libel suit, was in the opinion of some lawyers, a negative moral victory for the game little housewife from Greenwich, Connecticut. She made certain derogatory statements about two notorious supporters of a long list of commy fronts, LARRY ADLER and PAUL DRAPER. They promptly sued for libel and added a special vindictive touch by attaching all the Connecticut property of the McCulloughs so that they found themselves unable even to draw on bank funds for taxes and current living expenses. The case was duly tried and the jury was unable to come to an agreement. In other words, the original charges of Mrs. McCullough still stand unrefuted in a court of law. ADLER and DRAPER sued for \$200,000 and did not even get the satisfaction of a three cent judgement. They got nothing except nationwide opprobrium and plenty of bad publicity. It is unlikely that these two smart alocks will bring anymore suits against Mrs. McCullough or against anyone else. It has been a very costly mistake that they probably both have long regretted starting. But all this does not help Mrs. McCullough pay her staggering legal bills.

The Americanism Division can reveal that to date Mrs. McCullough has received about \$27,000.00 in patriotic, voluntary contributions. Her total legal and investigatory fees are in excess of \$60,000.00. Patriotic and angry anti-Communist Americans will have to make up the rest. Legionnaires and others who offer the excuse that they would like to pitch in the battle against the commies but don't know how, here have a clear-cut and simple issue -- start a "Help Hester McCullough" collection campaign in your department, district, or post. DO IT NOW. Send whatever you can collect, no matter how small to Mrs. John T. McCullough, Parsonage Road, Greenwich, Connecticut. If anti-Communists do not rally to the support of each other, surely the pinkos, commy fellow travelers, and Stalinists will not do so. THEY TAKE CARE OF THEIRS! DO WE?

RED CHANNELS. "You can't tell the players without a score card!"

The old familiar baseball park cry can now also be applied to the reds and their dupes and loyal camp followers in the radio and television field. "What's wrong with Joe So and So? Why does the American Legion regard Lizzie Whachamacallit "unsuitable and inappropriate?"

You can now refer doubting Thomases and incredulous Janes to Counterattack's just-off-the-press RED CHANNELS, a 215 page expose of "Who's Wrong" in radio and TV. Authentic and indispensable. Price \$1.00 (cheaper in quantities) Counterattack, 55 West 42nd Street, New York, New York.

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PAMPHLETS AND REPRINTS OF HEARINGS AND REPORTS, AVAILABLE FOR THE  
ASKING FROM THE AMERICANISM DIVISION, THE AMERICAN LEGION, 734 -  
FIFTEENTH STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.

Report on Atomic Espionage (Nelson-Weinberg and Hiskey-Adams Cases.)

Testimony of James Sterling Murray and Edward Tiers Manning. (Regarding Clarence Hiskey and Arthur Adams)

Report on Congress of American Women

Hearings Regarding Communist Infiltration of Labor Unions. Part II.

Hearings Regarding Communism in the District of Columbia. Part I.

Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace.

Hearings Regarding Clarence Hiskey Including Testimony of Paul Crouch.

Testimony of Paul Crouch.

Soviet Espionage Activities in Connection with Jet Propulsion and Aircraft.

Testimony of Philip O. Keeney and Mary Jane Keeney and Statement Regarding Their Background.

Hearings Regarding Steve Nelson.

Deportation and Detention of Aliens. Judiciary Committee Hearings.

Statehood for Hawaii. Senator Butler's report.

Communists Within the Labor Movement. Chamber of Commerce pamphlet.



Communist Infiltration in the United States. Chamber of Commerce pamphlet.

100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Education

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Communism in Action

Annual Report of The Committee on Un-American Activities for the Year 1949

Hearings Regarding Communist Infiltration of Minority Groups. Part I and Part II.

The All-American Conference Against Communism.

Strategy and Tactics of World Communism

A. The Coup D'Etat in Prague

B. Communism in the Near East

C. Communism in China

Testimony of J. Edgar Hoover before Committee on Un-American Activities

Report of Special Committee on Un-American Activities, January 1939.

Disaster in China, by Rev. James F. Kearney

Conduct of Judge Samuel Kaufman in Alger Hiss Trial, by Congressman Frank B. Keefe

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#### RECOMMENDED READING LIST OF BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

Know Your Enemy, by Karl Baarslag

Conviction of Alger Hiss, Speech by Senator Homer E. Capehart

What the Hiss Trial Actually Means, Speech by Senator Karl E. Mundt

Leftist Minority Woes Future Doctors. Concerns Association of Internes & Medical Students.

Aeronautics and Communism.

Methodism's Pink Fringe, by Stanley High

Statement by Prof. James Burnham before House Un-American Activities Committee

Universal, Regional, and Bilateral Patterns of International Organizations, by Dean Rusk, Deputy Under Secretary of State. Statement made before Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on February 15, 1950, in which State Department opposes American participation in any World Federation schemes.

Communist Activities Among Aliens and National Groups. Hearings before Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, Senate Judiciary Committee.  
Part 3.

Breakdown. The Story of Michael Shipkov in the hands of the secret police.

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16 mm FILMS EXTOLING OUR AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE

We are frequently asked for films which are suitable for Post or club showing and which expose or ridicule the theory of communism, and extol the American way of life. Here is a list of 16 mm films with our personal comment and/or evaluation. They might fit into some program you have. Keep this list for future reference.

MAKE MINE FREEDOM, produced by Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas, and released through MGM. This is an animated cartoon treatment ridiculing communist "panaceas" for remedying some of the minor ills in our American way of life.

MEET KING JOE, produced by Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas, and released through MGM. This is an animated cartoon showing how a laborer is king in America because of the wealth and opportunities which he possesses.

CROSSROADS OF AMERICA, produced by Research Institute of America, 292 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York. A good film showing methods used by commies to break up and/or control meetings.

LETTER TO A REBEL, produced by RKO Republic, 1270 Avenue of the Americas, New York 20, New York. This is a story in which an editor father resenting his son's leftish editorials in his college paper writes a strong letter defending private enterprise and shows how their family fortune was won through free enterprise.

PRICE OF FREEDOM, National Association of Manufacturers, 14 W. 49th, New York 20, New York. This is the story of a young college graduate whose ideals cause him to differ with his editor father over the necessity for telling the whole story of freedom; he finally wins his point.

LETTER FROM AMERICA, produced by Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio. Story of a middle-aged Akron rubber worker who came here as an immigrant in his early 20's and made good in America. The story is a dramatization of a letter which he writes to his sister in Europe.

PRODUCTIVITY, KEY TO PLENTY, Twentieth Century Fund, 330 W. 42nd, New York, New York. This is an excellent picture contrasting material wealth and benefits of Americans with Europeans. It utilizes animated charts and diagrams.

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# Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 81<sup>st</sup> CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

Prof. Louis F. Budenz

SPEECH  
OF

HON. EDITH NOURSE ROGERS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 1950

Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I have been appalled by the attack which a national legislator made upon Louis Budenz, who has repudiated communism, rather than being one who advocates its teachings. I am shocked that innocent children should be exploited before the public gaze in an effort to attack the testimony of Louis Budenz.

Fordham University, where Louis Budenz is employed as a professor, is indignant at what has been done and is making a battle against what has been said against Louis Budenz. The gentleman could not know, I could not know, and you could not know whether Louis Budenz acted in good faith when he repudiated his Communist ties and the sordid life which is part of the Communist philosophy.

I believe, Mr. Speaker, that the sincerity of a sinner's repentance is a matter to be judged by God, not by anyone else.

Yet, I wonder where the legislator got his information. Who collected and compiled these data for him? Did he unknowingly accept data from Communist sources? Were these data obtained from the court records, showing material used by Attorney Harry Sacker while defending the 11 convicted Communist leaders? Mr. Sacker used this same material to try to discredit Louis Budenz, because he had been a witness against the 11 now-convicted Communists. This Harry Sacker, who used the same material in attacking Budenz long before the front page was made by a public servant, is now awaiting sentence after having been cited for contempt of court by Judge Medina, one of the liberal New Deal judges.

Or perhaps the legislator secured material from Mr. Abe Fortas, who is now counsel for Owen Lattimore. Mr. Fortas, even long ago, could probably have had easy access to any dossier the Communists and their friends would have prepared through his friends in the International Juridical Association. I think that organization is no longer functioning—at least, not under that name—since it was cited as a Communist-front organization. But in its heyday the International Juridical Association included among its top leaders Alger Hiss, Lee Pressman, Joseph Brodsky, and Mr.

Lattimore's attorney, Mr. Fortas. Did this attorney, Mr. Fortas, furnish the public servant with this material?

I raise this question because the source of the material through which it is sought to discredit Budenz is very important. Who, what sources want to discredit Budenz's testimony today? Who wants to detract attention from the real issue?

The real issue to me today is: Was our Government wise in urging collaboration with the Communists in the Far East? If not, should we continue to allow those who formulated this policy to continue to advise, to orient, as it is now said, those who hold the top positions?

If the judgment of these sources of guidance was bad in the past, are we to glorify them for their bad judgment because one who attacks them admits that he once worked in a bad group with which he has now broken?

I would ask the public official to join with me in examining what has been our Far East policy and in evaluating the wisdom of its implementation so that, together, his party and mine, we may seek to evolve a foreign policy which would protect our own national interests and promote international cooperation among men of good will, rather than seeking to defend those who have made and those who have defended a policy of collaboration with the Communists in China and at home.

The following is the statement I have referred to by Father McGinley, of Fordham University:

[From the New York Times of May 14, 1950]  
HEAD OF FORDHAM CHAMPIONS BUDENZ—  
FATHER MCGINLEY ASSAILS CHAVEZ AS  
COWARDLY, SAYS WITNESS HAS UNIVERSITY  
CONFIDENCE

The attack made on the Senate floor by Senator DENNIS CHAVEZ, Democrat of New Mexico, against Louis F. Budenz brought "personal vilification of Professor Budenz to a point even lower than that reached in the columns of the Daily Worker," the Very Reverend Laurence J. McGinley, president of Fordham University, said here yesterday.

He issued a statement defending the Fordham assistant professor of economics as "continuing to enjoy the full confidence of the university," according to the Associated Press.

In his statement, Father McGinley said: "Prof. Louis Budenz joined the faculty of this university in 1946. Since that time he has given complete satisfaction in the discharge of his academic duties.

"Within the limits imposed on him by his obligations as a scholar and teacher, he has at times complied with the requests of public and private agencies to lecture on the philosophy of communism and on the subversive techniques of the Communist Party. This was done with the knowledge and consent of the university authorities.

"During his years at Fordham, Professor Budenz—both as a teacher and as a Christian

gentleman—has deserved and continues to enjoy the full confidence of the university."

CALLS FROM GOVERNMENT CITED

"From time to time—much to his own inconvenience and the occasional inconvenience of the university—Professor Budenz has been subpoenaed by the Government to testify in cases involving alleged Communists or Communist activities."

Father McGinley's statement continued:

"It has always been his wish that such information as might be sought from him by the Government be given solely on his own responsibility. He foresaw that he would be subjected to violent attack from Communist quarters and he did not wish to involve the university.

"It has remained, however, for a member of the United States Senate to bring this personal vilification of Professor Budenz to a point even lower than that reached in the columns of the Daily Worker. It might fairly be said that never within recent memory has a Member of Congress so used his immunity in personal attack upon the character of a fellow citizen.

"The Senator had the effrontery, moreover, to pose as a Catholic while publicly enacting this vicious offense against Christian charity. As a priest of the Catholic Church, and as president of the university of which Professor Budenz is a respected faculty member, I cannot allow so slanderous and cowardly a demonstration go unanswered."

CONSCIENTIOUSNESS PRAISED

"Under Government subpoena, Professor Budenz has appeared as a witness in many trials over the last 5 years. He has, as was to be expected, when he testified against Communists or Communist activities, been castigated both here and abroad by those whose conspiracy he was called upon to expose.

"Never, to my knowledge, have responsible officials of our own Government or members of the American press had other than praise for his conscientiousness as a witness."

Father McGinley said in conclusion:

"It was not until he went recently to Washington—once again not at his own request but under subpoena from a Senate committee—to testify in an inquiry into alleged Communist influences in our own Government, that those who should have been his friends turned on him with that weakest and most cowardly of all weapons—slanderous attack on his character and his family.

"As an American and a teacher of young Americans, I find Senator CHAVEZ' attack disturbing in the extreme. As a priest, I must denounce the hypocrisy and uncharitableness that have characterized it.

"Whatever mistakes Professor Budenz has made in the past are an open book. Unfortunately for him, he has had to live under the constant threat of Communist reprisals, and to bear in silence the sneers of modern Pharisees who are always ready to point a self-righteous finger at their fellow man.

"The Catholic Church, convinced of the sincerity of his repentance, welcomed Louis Budenz back into the fold. Let those, who, in the name of the church of charity, presume to shout another man's alleged transgressions from the housetops, look instead into their own hearts."





# The Red Star



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## Official Soviet Proclamation!

### Instructions To Citizens Released



### Legion Now Is Entirely Dead

The United Soviet States of America government is happy to announce the complete annihilation of one of its foremost traditional enemies — The American Legion.

This filthy pro-Fascist group has for many years opposed us at every turn, and used every method at its disposal to thwart our progress. This so-called "Legion" has been composed of dirty swine, who now find themselves at the mercy of the people, whose interests they have fought for so long.

All Legion officials and many individual Legionnaires are now treated as "Enemies of the People". Their arrest is hereby announced, and a complete and speedy trial is assured.

### Confiscation of Autos Ordered

UNITED SOVIET STATES OF AMERICA

## Proclamation

ISSUED this day, May 1, 1950, under the SUPREME AUTHORITY of the COUNCIL OF PEOPLES COMMISSARS

The people, the workers, farmers and soldiers of America who have this day triumphed over capitalistic rule, overthrown the bourgeois government of the United States and seized power in their own hands, hereby decree with the full and unlimited authority of the COUNCIL OF PEOPLES COMMISSARS the following:

1. All private property is hereby abolished in the means of production and distribution, title to such property is immediately invested in the UNITED SOVIET STATES OF AMERICA which becomes its sole owner.
2. All land and subsoil resources are hereby nationalized without compensation to their former owners.
3. All industrial establishments, commercial enterprises, transportation facilities on land, sea and in the air and all communication services are hereby nationalized.
4. All water resources and facilities connected with industry, transportation, commerce and communications are hereby nationalized.

Summary of . . .

# TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS EXPOSING THE COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY



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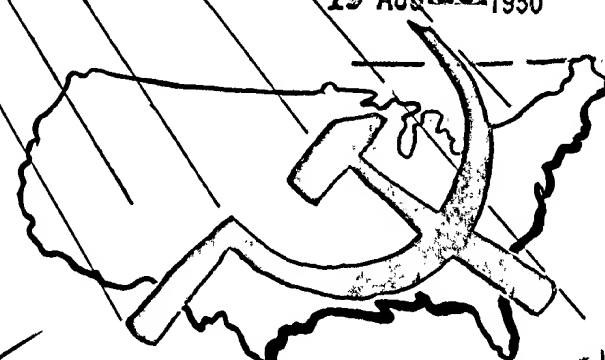
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THE SPOTLIGHT

Because of its importance, the so-called Stockholm "peace petition" pledge or demand is reproduced in full text in this issue of the Summary. Read it carefully. Note that it is not even a peace petition at all, but merely a plea for the abolition of the atomic bomb as a weapon of war. In other words, Soviet Russia is not at all adverse to war with any and all types of weapons but is only desirous at this time of branding as a war criminal that government which first uses the atomic bomb. (Text taken from the front inside page of POLITICAL AFFAIRS for June, 1950. P.A. is the top theoretical and instruction monthly for Stalin's Fifth Column in the U.S.A.) Here's the text:

**"FOR THE UNCONDITIONAL PROHIBITION OF THE ATOMIC WEAPON"**

"We demand the unconditional prohibition of the atomic weapon as an instrument of aggression and mass extermination of people, and the establishment of strict international control over the fulfillment of this decision.

"We will regard as a war criminal that government which first uses the atomic weapon against any country.

"We call upon all people of good will all over the world to sign this call.

"We address ourselves to all social, religious groups and workers in culture, all honest people who, irrespective of their views concerning the reasons for the strained international situation, are alarmed because of this and seriously desire to see peaceful relations restored between peoples.

"As a basis for agreement we suggest the prohibition of the atomic weapon and the condemnation of the government which first uses the atomic weapon."

Yes, that's the text of the "peace petition."

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**THE WORLD COMMUNIST FRONT**

As is usually the case, the non-Communist world badly underestimated, or even ignored, the full implications of the Soviet-inspired Stockholm "peace

conference" last March. The idea that world peace could be assured merely by affixing one's signature to a "peace" petition addressed to no one in particular is, of course, preposterous on its face and hence not to be taken seriously. These people overlook the very elementary fact that COMMUNISTS NEVER START ANYTHING PREPOSTEROUS, FUTILE, OR TIME-WASTING. UTTER CYNICS AND REALISTS, COMMUNISTS NEVER WASTE TIME FOOLING AROUND WITH EXPERIMENTS, FLOPS, OR DUDS. THEY KNOW PRECISELY WHERE THEY ARE GOING AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING. THEIR PROPAGANDA TECHNIQUES ARE INVARIABLY OF AN EXTREMELY HIGH LEVEL AND WELL THOUGHT OUT CHARACTER.

If the mere signing of a piece of paper could bring about world disarmament or permanent peace, then obviously war would have been banished from the earth shortly after the invention of paper and the development of writing.

This latest Moscow propaganda move, even if only superficially analyzed, is a master stroke of world-wide psychological warfare.

1. All of mankind genuinely and desperately desires peace.
2. Soviet Russia by a simple and cheap propaganda device apparently has aligned itself not only on the side of peace but allegedly at the very head of the world's peace forces and sentiment.

3. Therefore, those who refuse to sign stand self-exposed as secret war-mongers.

4. The rapidly deteriorating position of communists in many parts of the world, particularly in this country, is rescued and communists once more restored to grace and confidence.

How can one ostensibly working so hard for peace be accused or even suspected of secretly working to bring about World War III? In other words, by spearheading the world "peace petition" drive, isolated and mistrusted communists



once more have been able to "build a bridge to the masses" in the very best Leninist manner.

5. Those innocents and well-meaning people signing such "peace" petitions can obviously be exploited again in the future to sign similar "protests" and "demands" of a similarly altruistic character. Thus, adroit Stalinists can gradually and imperceptibly lead them step by step to further pro-Communist collaboration and actions.

6. The "peace" signers lists, with their addressees of millions of gullible signers, are naturally priceless sucker lists for subsequent communist enterprises. A person signing an innocuous "peace" petition addressed to no one in particular can presumably be inveigled into signing something "just a little stronger."

7. The final, full pay-off in propaganda value is still to come when the final results are tabulated. It will then be shown to the world that such small countries as Poland, Czechoslovakia, or Bulgaria had no trouble in rolling up four, eight or twelve million "peace" signers while giant America with a population of 152,000,000 produced only a piddling million or more signatures. Ergo, the United States is the world's chief war-monger!

The whole tiresome "peace" stunt is another example of the now familiar communist technique of always catching the enemy between the sharp blades of two opposing knives of a dilemma — the victim is cut either way he turns. If you sign, you line up with a fraudulent communist propaganda enterprise designed to befuddle and confuse the western world. If you refuse to sign, or if you interfere with the circulation of such petitions, you stand self-exposed as being against world peace and hence as being in the camp of the "imperialist war-mongers." Heads Stalin wins; tails you lose. And we shall continue to lose the cold war to Stalin until the misfits and incompetents in

high government office, who are charged primarily with the task of fighting a war which they have more than amply demonstrated they do not understand, are replaced by fighting men with fighting hearts who understand the enemy, his grand strategy, tactics, and order of battle. It is unlikely that even a genius could prepare the plans for mounting a world-wide offensive against a powerfully entrenched enemy if he understood and knew nothing about the enemy, military science, strategy, weapons, logistics, transport, topography, and all that go to make up the art of warfare in its fullest sense. And the State Department thus far has not been able to convince any sizable percentage of Americans that it has any such genius on its staff. It all sums up the old adage — "you can't find something with nothing."

The cold war of nerves and psychological demoralization, which Moscow has been waging on the West and in particular against the United States for the past five years, has finally broken out into open military conflict in Korea. The first actual declaration of war on the non-Communist world by the infant Comintern was levied in March, 1919, at the very first session of the Comintern in Moscow under the leadership of Lenin and Zinoviev. What the West tragically has been unable to understand is that modern warfare can be waged by many other means besides military, with formal declarations of war an outmoded and obsolete gesture of the past. Guerrilla or quasi-warfare has been waged against us by the Soviet Union since the end of World War II, notably in Greece, China, Malaya, Indo-China, Indonesia, and elsewhere.

Whether the Korean war is localized and speedily terminated by United Nations-backed action by U.S. and allied military forces or is used as a torch to touch off other explosive areas and thus gradually build up to World War III depends entirely upon the decision of fourteen Soviet Politburo leaders, most of whose names are entirely unknown to most literate and well-read Americans. That

decision may have already been made, and the next step unfolded, before this issue can reach its subscribers.

Many students of Soviet aggression tactics and strategy are inclined to feel that the North Korean blitz attack while well-planned and forcibly carried out is, nevertheless, a mere diversionary side show with the real big blow, or series of blows, still to fall elsewhere. As previously pointed out in this Summary, Stalin not only has the initiative, thanks to the lethargy and apathy of the West, but he also enjoys the full benefit of a strong internal position free to strike out suddenly anywhere along the ten-thousand-mile front from Finland and West Germany around to India, South East Asia, and up to Alaska. While some experts believe that Russia would not be likely to strike in West Europe, they are not so sure about Yugoslavia, Turkey, Iraq, or Iran. Both Yugoslavia and Iran have been targets for bitterest Soviet propaganda attacks for the past two years with a noticeable upswing in virulence and intensity in the past several months.

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#### THE HOME SECTOR

"They Did Not Discuss".

On Friday, June 30, Senator Earl Mundt attempted, without success, to get the Mundt-Ferguson Subversive Activities control bill out on the floor of the Senate for debate and action. Lack of quorum stymied this move and Majority Leader Lucas of Illinois angrily ordered a July 1 session to act on Mundt's resolution. The next day the Senate met and recessed within twelve minutes with further action deferred until the Senate Democratic policy committee could meet on July 5 to decide whether or not the bill would come up for action in this Congress before a tentative August 1st adjournment.

Over the Fourth-of-July weekend the National Commander sent telegrams to all Department Adjutants urging Legion action to activate their own Senators. Commander Craig also sent telegrams to every U.S. Senator stating that the Mundt-Ferguson bill had unanimous Legion support and therefore merited serious consideration at this time. The National Commander's telegram stressed that while American soldiers were fighting and dying in Korea against communists that nothing was being done at home to suppress the disgrace and danger of America's own Fifth Column. The Congressional Record for July 5th, pages 9813-9816 explain what happened to this bill and Senator Lucas' part in once more stalling off action.

"Senator Lucas: I may say in reply to the Senator from South Dakota that the Democratic policy Committee did not discuss at any great length the bill to which the Senator has just referred. We were busy discussing the omnibus appropriations, the tax bill, and other matters, trying to determine in how short a time we could get the appropriations bill to the floor and how long it would take the Senate to debate it; also how long it would take before the tax bill reached the floor and how long it would take to debate it."

Lucas then went on lamely to explain that there were a "number of other important bills such as providing statehood for Hawaii and Alaska" which would require considerable time for debate and that therefore, as far as the communist subversive activities control bill was concerned, "we are not going to be able to consider it at this session." Nor did the distinguished Senator from Illinois have any good reason why, "There is a good deal of excitement about this particular bill, all of a sudden." Effective legislation to control subversive activities in this critical hour of the country's history is nothing to get "excited" about.

The Illinois Senator then went on to boast that he had been "Department of Illinois Commander of The American Legion and National Judge Advocate for four years under four different national commanders."

".... I shall have the opportunity to study the bill carefully one of these days and I shall make up my mind

what to do about it if and when it comes up on the floor of the Senate. It is an important bill, of course, but I shall not be stampeded into having the bill considered hastily, and I shall not permit the playing of politics, in connection with it, to influence me .... The only thing I am trying to do now is to get the appropriation bill out of the way and the tax bill out of the way, along with a few other measures which are necessary. Then we are going to adjourn, if the Korean situation is such that we can possibly do so."

Testimony on the extent of subversive activities in this country made before a Senate Appropriations Committee last February 3rd, by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the F.B.I., was released June 8th. In his testimony, asking for a larger appropriation for the F.B.I., Mr. Hoover told Congress that "there is a larger volume of subversive activities than existed at any time during the last world war." Mr. Hoover said that the communists had driven the party into concentrated underground activity with a heavy emphasis on colonizing the basic industries of America for purposes of sabotage and espionage in the event of war with Russia. He estimated the potential Fifth Column in this country at 540,000 people. The F.B.I. chief said that no party cards were issued in 1949 or 1950 and that membership records had been discontinued. He added, "If we are to preserve our internal security in times of emergency, it is incumbent that the identities of those who work against the peace and security of America be established."

The F.B.I. chief told Congress that the C.P., U.S.A. had been conducting its own rigorous loyalty check, in every state and district, in an attempt to ferret out F.B.I. informants and other suspected elements still in the party. Hoover went on:

"Party members now speak a jargon of double talk and use codes for their correspondence. A courier system has been established to protect confidential communications. Public meetings are maintained at an absolute minimum. Party records have been destroyed or removed to clandestine hiding places. Secret printing facilities and supplies have been secreted for future underground operations."

Hoover warned that communists had bored into basic industries such as steel, heavy machinery, mining, communications, transportation, maritime, and electrical industries. He added, "Of the many professions, penetration of the legal profession is the most amazing." He also stated that special directives had been issued by the communists to penetrate the radio field. To carry out this concentration in a basic communication field affecting all walks of American life, the Stalinists had set up special courses in radio writing, acting and directing in order to train and help place their people in the radio industry. "Many communist fellow travelers and stooges have been able to secure positions enabling them actually to control personnel and production", he asserted.

Mr. Hoover also assailed the NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD for trying to weaken and destroy the F.B.I. by an unparalleled campaign of slander and vilification. The NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD has an almost unbroken record of supporting narrow C.P. line issues. Oddly enough, as this Summary has frequently pointed out, the Department of Justice, of which the F.B.I. is a part, has never seen fit to add the Guild to its list of subversive organizations. The reason for this paradoxical situation, Washington newshounds claim, is that not a few Department of Justice lawyers (including officials) have been in the past, or still are members of this communist front. The House Un-American Activities Committee also has bottled up an excellently prepared report on the NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD, which for some curious reason has never been released. If any of the following members of that Committee are from your state, phone or write them and ask, "Why has the report of the NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD not been released? We want it." Chairman John S. Wood of Georgia, Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania, Burr Harrison of Virginia, John McSweeney of Ohio, Morgan M. Moulder of Missouri, Richard Nixon of California, Francis Case of South Dakota, Harold Velde of Illinois, and Bernard Kearny of New York.

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If your state does not have a Congressman on the Committee, write on Legion stationery, as one Legionnaire to another, to Chairman John S. Wood, House Un-American Activities Committee, Old House Offices Building, Washington, D.C.

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THE GRAND JURY REPORT ON PEEKSKILL INCIDENTS

The Westchester, New York, county grand jury (after seven and a half months of investigation and deliberation) finally handed up a 9,000 word presentment on last Fall's disorders at Peekskill, New York. It heard 247 witnesses and took some 5,500 pages of testimony.

The AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION was criticized in the presentment for issuing a report while the grand jury was still in session. The jury found that the A.C.L.U. report was based on "biased assumptions." Wide distribution of the A.C.L.U. report obscured, rather than clarified, the significance of the disorders and thus "gave the communists an effective propaganda weapon, ideally suited to their technique of using exaggerated social tensions, false issues, and confused liberal thinking." The jurors also found that communist strategy calls for the creation of distrust of all public officials by the "distortion and magnification of incidents such as these."

Highlights of the presentment follow:

There have been active colonies of communists and sympathizers in the Peekskill-Cortlandt area during the summer for the past several years. Camp Beacon, a commy camp accommodating up to 1,500 vacationers, lies some seventeen miles north of Peekskill. "These camps constitute important units in the Communist organization." Some are training schools for the C.P.

"After Labor Day many of these camps become secret schools offering to selected groups of C.P. members intensive training in Marxism-Leninism and methods of overthrowing the United States government."

The presentment t... blames PAUL ROBESON'S statements during 1949 and growing awareness on the part of the American public of the inherent dangers of communism to the U.S. "as the underlying causes of the outbreak of disorders in Cortlandt on the evening of August 27, 1950. Resentment of ROBESON'S disloyal statements gave rise to a widespread resentment against his appearance in this typical American community."

"The concert of September 4 was planned by the communist party to take full advantage of the events of August 27 and as a demonstration of the power of its supporters to hold a meeting in a hostile area."

For the first time, the C.P. organized goon squads on a quasi-military and large scale.

"On August 30th PAUL ROBESON addressed a mammoth rally in Harlem in which he stated, 'from now on we take the offensive' and that he would bring his own protection with him on his return to Peekskill. The Daily Worker called for a gigantic turn-out."

A "security guard" of several thousand men was organized along quasi-military lines.

"It was part of the Communist strategy in connection with the September 4 concert to foment racial and religious hatred."

Mass meetings and tons of printed material were used by the communists to whip up this racial and religious incitement angle.

"Testimony before the grand jury shows that more than 2,500 men were assembled at the concert as a security guard. Most of them carried baseball bats. Their leader wore the uniform of a U.S. Army lieutenant. They were stationed in military formation, shoulder to shoulder in two huge circles. This force remained in position for eight to ten hours."



Police confiscated some thirty bats, "the rest were concealed."

"This was the first time that the communists had disclosed their organized and militant forces on so large a scale in the nation. .... What the American people had not heretofore witnessed was a full scale demonstration of the power of the communists to mobilize their militant forces quickly and in sufficient strength to constitute a potential challenge to the authority of government."

"Although violence did break out after the concert, this did not result from planning or organization on the part of any individual or groups of people to incite or foster such disturbances."

The presentment then went on to clear the police forces of any responsibility for the disorders getting out of hand. Altogether 904 experienced policemen were on hand with all sorts of equipment from a helicopter to walkie-talkies and a field hospital. Some 5,000 spectators lined the roads yelling epithets at the concert-goers. "Many of them were women and teen-age boys and girls." The stone throwing by hoodlums and other rowdy elements was facilitated by the woody terrain, hills, and winding roads. Stones were thrown at cars coming from the concert as far away as Tarrytown, twenty miles from the scene of trouble.

"Some of the spectators had heard the master of ceremonies (HOWARD FAST) refer to veterans as 'un-American filth.'"

The jury found that "this remark inflamed many who heard it."

The presentment then goes into considerable detail in repudiating the AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION's biased report in which

"gossip, rumors, and unverified stories of prejudiced persons were accepted as evidence, while competent

testimony was rejected. Inasmuch as the A.C.L.U. has a considerable influence on a large number of persons, this grand jury feels an obligation to point out the flimsy foundation upon which the report was based. Much of its text and some of its conclusions are so far from the truth as to be scandalous .... The grand jury is convinced that the violence which developed on both occasions was basically neither anti-Negro nor anti-Semitic in character."

The jury then condemned as un-American the lawless acts of violence which took place. The presentment continues:

"Patriotic and loyal Americans, both as individuals and groups, must be on the alert against being drawn into communist traps which may be set for the purpose of inviting situations that might encourage violence. Responsible local organizations such as churches, schools, professional and business associations, veterans' organizations and other civic groups should actively discourage their members from being present when affairs sponsored by subversive groups are being held."

The jury also felt that local law officers should be given sufficient discretion to ban the development of conditions which might result in violence. A most cogent and important suggestion. Mass invasion, by 2,500 partly armed and disciplined New York communist goons, of a peaceful and patriotic area should never have been permitted in the first place, as this Summary pointed out in the September, 1949, issue.

The grand jury also made a strong plea that

"State Guard units, trained in riot duty, be made available to supplement local and State police"

to prevent recurrences of future communist instigated disorders.

It also urged legislative bodies to

"continue to consider appropriate laws to combat the communist problem .... Citizens should keep themselves informed about legislative proposals and should express their opinions in that regard to their duly elected representatives."

"Second, education concerning the true purpose and meaning of communism should be undertaken in every

community. Many unsuspecting persons are hoodwinked into becoming associated with Communist activities because they are not informed about the real manner in which the party operates."

The presentment pointed out that the danger of communist cells in Westchester County was not fully appreciated by its residents and that community leaders and local organizations "should undertake to make certain that ignorance regarding the communist movement is dispelled."

"The speed and dexterity with which the communists organized the demonstration of September 4, assembling with only three days of preparation in a rural community forty miles from New York City an audience of 15,000 people and a 'security guard' of 2,500 men, points to an alert and a thoroughly prepared organization ....

"These strong arm forces, whose militant strength was revealed in the 'security guard' at Cortlandt, must be recognized for what they are — the shock troops of a revolutionary force, which is controlled by a foreign power and committed to methods and ultimate ends incompatible with our constitutional system ....

"Of chief significance locally is the fact that in Westchester county there are individuals and groups professing an alien ideology controlled by the absolute discipline of the communist party and ready to serve its purposes at any time and in any way. Since the C.P. is dedicated to the overthrow of this government by whatever means necessary, including violence, the grand jury is convinced that the presence of these communist groups in Westchester county constitutes a serious potential menace to the community."

#### MADISON SQUARE RALLY

The originally planned "civil rights" meeting in Madison Square Garden, New York, for June 28th was quickly converted by the commies into a protest demonstration against American "aggression in Korea." While the Stalinists claimed 18,000 (their usual Garden claim) newspapers used the Garden management's figures of 8,000 as the smallest attendance at a N.Y.

communist rally in many years.

The rally was called by the CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS to demand a 4th of July "amnesty" for all convicted communists presently in jail. Surely a most appropriate and patriotic idea for the 4th and a most interesting example of cynical, communist gall. Pint-sized VITO MARCANTONIO, PAUL ROBESON, and GUS HALL were the principal speakers supported by the usual cast of commy characters for hippodromes of this sort.

The names of President Truman, John Foster Dulles, General MacArthur and Chiang Kai Shek drew loud boos and hisses. The darkened audience moaned in genuine anguish when the roll of imprisoned and about to be jailed commies and camp followers was read. (The audience sat in semi-darkness to prevent photography.) Marcantonio called American intervention in Korea, "Truman's Operation Desperation" and predicted that the American people will not let it succeed. "They will see through the paper curtain of the corrupt press that conceals the shameful truth from our people," he screamed.

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#### WHAT THE COMMIES ARE SAYING AND DOING

The Daily Worker and its West Coast satellite, the Daily Peoples World, have gone all out for "peace". — that word in commy semantics being synonymous with signing the Stockholm petition for the prohibition of the atomic bomb, which means abolition along Soviet lines and not as proposed by the United States and the United Nations.

The next greatest amount of space was devoted to agonized protests about the incarceration of sundry C.P. stalwarts and camp followers. Imprisonment of a convicted communist even for a few months, naturally is analogous to Himmler's concentration camp round up of victims of Nazi persecution. All communist amalgam techniques are worked to death to link up the Administration

with fascist and Nazi terror. The arrest of HARRY GOLD, self-confessed Soviet spy courier, was nothing but another "F.B.I. atomic spy hoax" and according to the Pravda of East 13th Street, was neatly timed to take Trygve Lie's peace mission to Moscow off the front pages. Clever people these F.B.I. chappies -- they always have a Soviet spy ready to be picked up whenever a foul, below-the-belt blow is aimed at "peace." In fact D.W. funster, ALAN MAX, even has a commy quip on F.B.I. deftness. "Motto of the F.B.I. -- An atom spy a day keeps peace away."

Heavy emphasis and an unusually large amount of Worker space was given to U.N. Secretary-General Lie's trip to Moscow. Evidently the comrades received a tip-off to give this a big play. Full-page editorial columns were set aside for "peace", which might sound sincere to the uninformed but not to those with even a slight familiarity of basic communist dogma and documents on the inevitable war between the bourgeois-capitalist and communist systems until one ultimately triumphs and the other is totally destroyed. The commies were also quite elated over their breaking up of a "Hold Berlin" anti-communist meeting held in New York last month. New York police, however, must have been a bit heavy-handed with the pickets because the Worker screamed with rage at "police brutality in the spirit of Nazi storm troopers." The official voice of the Soviet Union in America was also quite pleased because 225 University of Michigan professors had signed a petition urging that communists be permitted to speak on that campus. The Worker also has been running long lists of organizations and individuals who have publicly come out against the Mundt-Ferguson subversive activities control bill.

The jailing, after some three years out on appeals, of their supreme fuhrer, EUGENE DENNIS, naturally produced some sparkling examples of communist lamentations and curses at their very best. Whole columns of precious

propaganda space were used to howl about "police state", "fascist hysteria", "thought control", and "the first long step towards war." Just as the "frame-up" and imprisonment of Gene Debs in World War I opened the gates to the war-makers and union wreckers of Palmer Raid infamy, so does the imprisonment of poor GENE DENNIS clear the way for onrushing fascism in America. "The world has learned the painful lesson that the arrest of C.P. leaders invariably means the advance of fascist reaction and atomic war."

On the other hand the voice of Stalin in the U.S. does not like Louis Budenz's new book, Men Without Faces. It is not only "one vast fascist lie against communism" but "obscene drivel" as well. "The only honesty in Men Without Faces is the fact that the pages are numbered correctly. No cheating there." Budenz is denounced in typical commy terminology as a "wretched parody of a human being", "shameless stool-pigeon", "degraded creature" and "megalomaniac."

Alexandra Orme's book, Comes the Comrade also comes in for rough treatment. The Orme book portrays the conduct of Soviet troops in Hungary.

The movie, Woman On Pier 13, according to the Daily Worker, is "an idiotic, trashy, red-baiting movie." (Maybe we should see it.)

The Special Service squad of the New York Police also gets official communist recognition as being a bit too efficient in planting secret agents inside the C.P. apparatus. SIMON W. GERSON, fired from a New York City Council post years ago, as a result of American Legion action, works over the cops in a special article in the Worker demanding its abolition as "illegal."

Prize fellow traveler and ardent legal defender of pinkos in trouble, O. JOHN ROGGE, gets whacked for becoming a "paid Tito agent."

Neurotic Stalinists must be flocking to psychiatrists in considerable numbers because the Worker of late has been running a number of articles denouncing psychoanalysis as a "middle class phenomenon based upon a fraudulent philosophy which sprang from the brow of capitalism."

The communist technique of frightening off future investigations into subversive activities by scaring legislators and politicians (few of whom are particularly noted for courage) is once more illustrated by demands of Washington state commies and pinkos that that state file criminal libel charges against former Senator Albert F. Canwell as well as former members and employees of the defunct Joint Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities. The CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS brought the legal action.

A big triple column exultant boost was given to the fact that BERNADETTE DOYLE, San Diego communist, had polled over 400,000 votes in a recent election for State School Superintendent. Alert, California weekly newsletter on communism (which should be in every Legion Post in that state) came out flatly and charged that the DOYLE woman was involved or implicated in Soviet espionage according to official House Un-American Activities Committee reports. It named chapter and verse where government agents had testified seeing her in Berkeley conferring with STEVE NELSON, another alleged Soviet spy. The D.W. also was quite happy over DREW PEARSON'S charges against H.U.A.A.C. Chairman Wood of Georgia.

The New York echo of Pravda happily quotes the American Bar Association Journal for June because it printed a "powerful editorial indictment of the Congressional witch-hunt which sent communist leader EUGENE DENNIS to jail, and an indirect challenge to the persecution of America's communist leaders under the Smith Act." Legionnaire members of the A.B.A. should read this editorial very carefully and then decide upon

some appropriate action to straighten out some very crooked editorial "thinking." If this weak-kneed and yellow editorial represents the epitome of American legal "thought" on the communist problem, then it becomes easier to understand why communists have made the inroads that they have in this country as pointed out by the National Commander's recent article "Terror By Law." (June, 1950 issue of American Bar Association Journal, READ IT.)

The Korean crisis caught American communists completely by surprise. At least, there was no advance "build-up." They caught their cue, however, with usual commy alacrity. The North Koreans were attacked first and naturally retaliated by chasing the South Korean invaders away. John Foster Dulles is the sinister plotter at the bottom of it all. "It was no accident" that Mr. Dulles had been in Seoul a few days before the alleged invasion of North Korea took place.

Political Affairs for June displays a lead editorial "demanding" that EUGENE DENNIS be released forthwith, if not sooner. Americans are reminded that "Hitler's imprisonment of Ernst Thaelman, leading German communist, was an act of preparation for Hitler's war against the German working class, the German people, and all progressive humanity." All party members, all progressives, all anti-Fascists, every champion of peace must now assume Dennis' responsibilities.

"We will launch a mighty campaign to secure the freedom of EUGENE DENNIS and the abolition of the infamous House Un-American Activities Committee. Let the frightened men of Wall Street and Washington sleep uneasy tonight. They have won at best a temporary and a hollow victory."

Next the U.S. Supreme Court comes in for a tongue lashing. It has shackled organized labor, dug a grave for the Bill of Rights, encouraged Congressional witch-hunts, sold out the Negro people and laid some new foundations for the establishment of a fascist state, according to Political Affairs. "Truman's



Supreme Court is Wall Street's Court." The betrayed American people "are now on their own." Only their "own mass action can hold back the rising tide of disaster and save the Bill of Rights and peace."

"Warmonger" Herbert Hoover also rates a full article of virulent commy vituperation because the ex-President had the temerity to suggest that communist nations be excluded from the United Nations. Political Affairs goes on to charge that "the master pirate of Wall Street wants a more rabid, more openly aggressive anti-Soviet alliance responding with robot-like precision to the dictates of Wall Street." However, President Truman, Secretary of State Acheson and John Foster Dulles do not get off scot free. They too, are amalgamated with Mr. Hoover as plotting a Wall Street imperialist war against peace-loving and harmless Russia.

Piece de resistance on this Marxian literary menu is a remarkable exercise in self-flagellation by America's profoundist Marxist-Leninist scholar and gauletier of all American commies, none other than the great WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. (The "Z" doesn't stand for anything -- merely a bourgeois affectation to have at least one middle name.) The master dialectician ruefully admits that he carelessly allowed "certain errors and shortcomings to creep into a pamphlet" which he recently wrote. Foster blames the "tremendous scope of theory and tactics dealing with a whole maze of complexities covering the past 15 years of vital world struggle" for his most grievous heresy. The great theoretician also sadly admits that his task had been made much more difficult "because much of the territory traveled was quite new." Only students of Marxist-Leninist-Stalinist exegesis will fully appreciate the enormity of such a damaging admission. To a trained and seasoned Marxist nothing is new, nothing is complex, and nothing in life is insoluble or unanswerable. Actually poor Foster probably did his theoretical best and did not realize his own Marxian

"unclearities" until they were spotted in Moscow and word was flashed back pointing out his errors.

Foster's "unclearities" are of little interest to the general reader, representing as they do nothing more than the inability of an incompetent to master the mumbo-jumbo and stultifying ideological double talk of cynical, Asiatic conspirators. In brief, to quote the old master, Lenin himself, "the comrade has failed to grasp the dialectic." Foster's deplorable "unclearities" and dialectical floundering sprang from a brave attempt to reconcile and explain away a basic Stalinist contradiction (or as they call it, "new tactical orientation"). Marx and Lenin had both laid down immutable and iron laws of revolution and seizure of power. Stalin has apparently approved a deviation which permits gradual accession of power through a Peoples Front of left-wing, but not entirely communist, complexion. The Peoples Front must then gradually give way to a Peoples Democracy, which is small scale model of the Soviet state but with some certain essential elements missing.

Foster brightly concludes, "These new tactical concepts, needless to reiterate, were fully in harmony with the whole body of Marxist-Leninist principles." (Which, of course, they were not). He was particularly incensed because his mortal rival and bitterest enemy, Earl Browder, had the audacity to lecture him on the A.B.C.s of Marxism-Leninism. Foster berates his predecessor as "Marxist-in-chief of the N.A.M."

An article by Molotov is a familiar rehash of all the old commy clichés about the invincible strength of the Soviet world camp of peace and progress. GEORGE MORRIS, familiar literary goon of the Daily Worker, lets loose with a blast against the "Vatican conspiracy in the Trade Unions." After knocking down the old straw man of James Carey's alleged remarks before

the First All-American Conference last February, Morris proceeds to the job of attempting to split the mass of Catholic laymen from their clerical leadership. Morris frankly does not like Catholic influence in unions. In typical commy semantics he attacks only the sinister, black-frocked "Vatican agents" (i.e., priests), and Association of Catholic Trades Unionists instead of Catholic workers themselves.

The article is well-prepared and craftily designed to serve a dual purpose.

One, to arouse hatred and suspicion on the part of non-Catholics towards the A.C.T.U. and "Vatican agents".

Secondly, by direct quotations from Papal Encyclicals and other Catholic writings to confuse and perhaps help split away Catholic laymen and workers from their "reactionary" hierarchy.

Morris blandly warns his commy readers that "it is urgent to distinguish the Catholic hierarchy and its agents from the millions of workers and other common people of Catholic faith." The Catholic priesthood, according to Morris, represents the most sinister reaction and capital. On the other hand the "mass of Catholics in America are the most numerous dwellers of cities and the largest single denomination among the industrial workers, especially in the major industries like auto, steel, mines, ship-building, building trades, transport, textile, electrical. These workers also make up the most significant section of the trade union movement -- and often its most militant." Therefore, Morris craftily warns his comrades, "It is the height of stupidity and falsehood to throw the hierarchy and the mass of Catholics into one group."

In a slanderous attack on the A.C.T.U. Morris drops all pretense of objectivity or even pseudo-fairness to unleash the following poison gas

blast at that organization devoted solely to combatting communism in the labor unions.

"Poisonous anti-communism became the primary content of A.C.T.U. activity. The A.C.T.U. forces formed a united front with the Social Democrats, Trotskyites, and America Firsters on a policy of sabotage of the war against Hitler. They sabotaged the allied war effort just as long as there was even a slight hope for a negotiated peace with Hitler and a shift of the war against the U.S.S.R. Never in all American labor history was a disruptive force within it as vicious. Where the A.C.T.U.'s influence dominated there also came the stench of intolerance especially the subtle anti-Semitism so characteristic of Vatican influence."

The above should be sufficient legal basis for the A.C.T.U. to bring suit and to silence, or at least tie up this scurrilous and odious commy rag for some time.

V. J. JEROME, top C.P. commissar for Hollywood, now that JOHN HOWARD LAWSON is in the cooler, contributes a long-winded and tiresome article on "The Negro in Hollywood Films" which is of small interest. It reiterates the old C.P. line that the American Negroes are not a people or a race or even Americans, but a nation in bondage which must be "liberated" and given a separate state existence. Jerome does not like four recent pictures, Pinky, Intruder in the Dust, Lost Boundaries, and Home of the Brave. It takes this party line Hollywood scribbler no less than 29 pages of typical Stalinist carping to explain why the first three pictures are wholly bad from a Stalinist standpoint and that even Home of the Brave, which appears to have some good points, cannot get a 100% communist endorsement.

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## COMMUNISM IN THE THEATRE, RADIO, AND CULTURAL FIELDS

Communists will promptly sue for libel, under party orders, if they are even obliquely referred to as "fellow travelers" -- if they think they can get away with it in court. Communist hypocrisy and utter cynicism, as well as contempt for the intelligence of their enemies is perhaps best exemplified by the fact that while they will strenuously and indignantly deny any C.P. affiliation while alive, they will cheerfully admit and even boast that a deceased individual was a life-long communist.

The Daily Worker of late has been boasting, after their demise, that some individuals were C.P. members for fifteen or twenty years.

Latest Stalinist obit was that of BOB REED who rated a double-column eulogy as "the well-known communist actor." Pallbearers were HOWARD FAST, EARL JONES, JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, DAVID GOLDEN, DAVID GORDON, and HARRY MARTELL. PHILIP LOEB, who plays "Jake" in the Goldbergs and whom General Foods seems determined to protect at all costs, lauded REED in a telegram quoted in the Daily Worker of May 15.

The New York Radio and Television field has of late been badly shaken by rumors of a long overdue housecleaning of communists from the airwaves. Several large companies and responsible agencies have already served notice that they will no longer tolerate commy-coddling on radio or television programs either as writers, directors, actors, or anything else. The word is getting around that commies are poison with the American listening public. Two top C.B.S. officials have been dropped; one allegedly for being unable to answer the \$64.00 question put to her by the House Un-American Activities Committee. Word comes from New York that the Ford Motor Company programs are at long last cleaning house of objectionable characters on their radio and TV

shows. For a long time, Ford shared dubious honors with Proctor and Gamble for using more commies, camp followers, and alleged frontiers than any other radio sponsor.

LEE J. COBB, whose fellow traveling record is really something to study, is to become a film director of Olympic Productions of No Tomorrow, according to Variety.

DASHIELL HAMMETT is back again after losing out with Norwich Pharmacal. Camel Cigarettes and H. J. Hines are using characters created by this C.P. angel on two shows, "Thin Man" and "Fat Man." Here is a chance for you Camel smokers to make your protests heard.

Five groups in the entertainment world indignantly protested the use of their names in connection with marching instructions for the C.P.'s May Day Parade appearing in the Daily Worker and the camp-following Daily Compass. Apparently outraged at the Stalinist's lack of discretion, these groups stated in an ad in Variety (trade journal of the entertainment field) "We had nothing to do (and we WANT nothing to do) with the 8th Avenue May Day Parade (this year or any other)....and....wish....to reaffirm our traditional and unalterable opposition to communism in all its forms, fronts, and subterfuges." Legionnaires note the groups so putting themselves on record:

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF RADIO ARTISTS  
ACTORS EQUITY ASSOCIATION  
AMERICAN GUILD OF VARIETY ARTISTS  
CHORUS EQUITY ASSOCIATION  
AMERICAN GUILD OF MUSICAL ARTISTS

Those of you who have registered your protests in the past to sponsors using C.P. and F.T. talent on radio, take note of your effectiveness: Public Relations News, claiming to be only weekly public relations publication for executives, said in a recent issue, "Radio and

television sponsors should keep their eyes peeled for communists and pro-communists on their programs. Recent flare-up about Paul Robeson on a television network should serve as a warning." Item went on to warn that protests were expected over TV debut of "well-known actress" with long record of communist front affiliations, "under sponsorship of a company which spends large sums of money telling the story of private enterprise to its employees and other publics." CONTINUED ALERTNESS AND ACTION ON YOUR PART WILL INSURE THE CLEANUP OF THIS FIELD. KEEP LETTING THESE SPONSORS KNOW YOU WON'T TOLERATE ANY SHENANIGANS IN EMPLOYMENT OF PRO-COMMIES. THE CONSUMER AND RADIO LISTENER HAS THE WHIP HAND IN THIS SITUATION, NEITHER THE CONSTITUTION, BILL OF RIGHTS, LAW, or ANYTHING ELSE CAN COMPEL ANY AMERICAN TO BUY ANY GOODS OR SERVICES FROM AN OFFENDING SPONSOR OR TO LISTEN TO ANY RADIO OR TV SHOW SUCH A SPONSOR MAY PUT ON. Counterattack now makes all excuses on part of sponsors invalid which claim ignorance of affiliations with front groups and C.P. itself on the part of employees. Red Channels lists such records of a very large number of lefties in entertainment field. It is available for \$1.00 from Counterattack, 55 West 42nd Street, New York 18, New York.

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#### COMMIES IN N. Y. SCHOOLS

The N.Y.C. Board of Education has finally banned the left wing TEACHERS UNION 555, from all official dealings with the public school system of New York. The Board also appointed Theodore W. Kiendl as trial examiner for the forthcoming trial of eight teachers, all officers of Local #555, for conduct unbecoming to teachers. (A genteel and nice way of saying they are commies.) One, as a test case, is to be tried as a C.P. member to determine legally whether such membership constitutes "unbecoming



conduct." The other seven are charged with refusing to answer questions, which, in the opinion of the Board also constitutes "conduct unbecoming of a teacher." Despite the filing of briefs, as friends of the court, by eight Bishops and over 1,100 Protestant Episcopal Ministers, in support of the appeal of Rev. JOHN HOWARD MELISH, the Appellate Division Supreme Court of New York State refused attorneys for him the opportunity to institute another appeal against the removal of Melish from his post as rector of Church of Holy Trinity, Brooklyn.

Commerce Department Employees Continue Under Heavy Fire.

WILLIAM REMINGTON and MICHAEL LEE, both under investigation by Congressional committees, finally were asked by Secretary Sawyer for their resignations, after the Department had been coddling them until very recently. This was within a few days after U.S. Attorney General J. Howard McGrath got up to orate at the Fifth Annual Citizenship Conference that there was not a single communist anywhere in the whole U.S. government!

In New York City, Welfare Commissioner Raymond M. Hilliard continues to crack down hard on the pro-commies in his Department of Welfare. They have been dismissed for tardiness, inefficiency based on actual carrying on of UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS OF AMERICA activities on working time with intent of bringing disrepute upon the agency and agitation. The fifth union member to be suspended in recent weeks is the President of Local 1, UPW in the Department of Welfare, MISS ELEANOR L. CODING, accused of excessive lateness and making a speech in 1948 inciting a group of welfare employees to sabotage within the Department. Mr. Hilliard really is a most unusual and remarkable public official in that he is not afraid of commies and secondly he knows how to handle them. Rounding them up like mangy dogs and isolating them all together in the far reaches of Brownsville, in Brooklyn, is just one of Hilliard's methods of handling the commrats.

The commies retaliate by all manner of legal but ingenious slow downs. They can expedite the case of a deserving comrade in a matter of minutes, but exhaust every administrative dodge and delayed trick to slow down the handling of other relief cases, thereby arousing more actual hardship cases and animosity against the whole welfare set-up. Commissioner Hilliard is doing a magnificent job and deserves a Legion medal of commendation.

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#### INCIDENTAL INTELLIGENCE

The Daily Worker of June 28 gives a nice credit line to M.G.M. for signing up E. "Yip" HARBURG to compose the music for "Huckleberry Finn", a coming M.G.M. film. You can find "Yip" on pages 72, 73 and 74 in Red Channels (probably one of the longest records of anyone in the whole entertainment field to be found in that indispensable handbook.)

American Broadcasting Company recently presented an excellent documentary on the communist problem, "CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER." It is regrettable that A.B.C. was not a bit more careful in the selection of some of the cast associated with the production. The story is going around the studios now that the executive producer took extraordinary precautions to protect the script from falling into outside and you-know-what-kind of red patties. The first rehearsal was scarcely over when the producer got a phone call from a "well-wishing but anonymous friend" sweetly urging that all mention of ALGER HISS' name be deleted from the projected radio show. Asked how the unidentified caller even knew that HISS was mentioned, the reply came, "We have friends around."

North Dakota Legionnaires no doubt will be pleased to learn that Senator William Langer's frank was used to mail out thousands of pieces of

mail material denouncing the Mundt-Ferguson Bill. An unexpected visitor at the offices of the NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO DEFEAT THE MUNDT BILL at 930 F. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., found the office staff busily addressing and mailing out some 8,000 pieces of Langer-franked material.

OWEN LATTIMORE, Johns Hopkins Professor and alleged Far Eastern "expert" has been replaced as chief of the United Nations mission to Afghanistan.

Rumors still persist in New York newspaper circles that a certain former top C.I.O. official named in the 1948 espionage hearings has been wavering and getting ready to "sing." If he does, he certainly could blow the lid off many unsolved Soviet espionage angles still puzzling our crack spy-hunters. That is if the M.V.D. does not get to him first.

The Soviets are reported as smuggling huge quantities of gold in bars and in coin to various key spots around the world from Macao to Marseille. Expert speculation varies from a possible ruble offensive on a world-wide scale against the pound sterling and dollar to pay-offs for Soviet espionage and future sabotage on a gigantic scale. It may also be cached away for financing internal guerrilla warfare in many parts of the non-Soviet world and for keeping "peace partisanship" movements solvent and expanding.

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#### QUIPS AND BITS, THE LIGHTER SIDE

Just-in-case-you-did-not-know Department — The national convention of the French C.P. recently sent Stalin a love message stating among other things that the liberation of France from the Nazis was "due

most of all to the people and army of the Soviet Union." This is the reason that the French people will never fight against Holy Mother Russia, the message added.

A Daily Worker headline hymns the glad tidings to all the faithful "JERSEY C.P. TAKES DENNIS PLEDGE." To which the Wage Earner's columnist Gadfly quips, "Does this mean that they join Communists Anonymous?"

"Roughly one-third of the F.B.I., or between two and three thousand agents are reported in Guatamala, swarming all over that small country." The authority? None other than that peerless tribune of Truth, the Daily Worker quoting Pablo Neruda, Chilean communist poet now in Mexico City. Poetic license, no doubt.

Andrei "Vituperation" Vishinsky, celebrated master of invective and slander has been conspicuously absent from Moscow functions for over six weeks. Moscow radio has not mentioned his name in 45 days. Purged, vacation, laryngitis, or quietly conniving in Northern Korea?

Things Are Tough All Over Department -- An ad in the June 26 Daily Worker:

"D.W. staff member wants 1-2-3 rooms, unfurnished preferred Bronx-Manhattan. Box 743, Daily Worker."

Comrade, we have just the place, right downtown, cool, quiet and restricted. Select clientele. Daily access to EUGENE DENNIS and other party great. Address -- Federal House of Detention, New York City.

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#### ON THE FIRING LINE

Every Legion Post and every Auxiliary Unit should have on hand for practical day-to-day use a copy of the fresh-published handbook on stinkers

in radio .... Red Channels, \$1.00 a copy from American Business Associates, 55 West 42nd Street, New York. Two hundred and fifteen pages packed full of indispensable and irrefutable information.

The Hoosier Legionnaire carries a regular column by veteran communist-fighter, Dr. Harry Nagle of Indianapolis. This column specializes in gathering and summarizing facts on communism and what Legionnaires can do to combat subversion. Does your Department official paper publish such information or carry as a regular feature up to the minute news on the subversive front? If not, why not? Make it your business to find out and wake up the dozers. Tell them there is a war on and that it is 1950 — not 1924.

Erie Legion Postscripts is another excellent example of a Legion paper on a community level that is abreast of the times and knows the score.

Write to the American Broadcasting Company, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, and commend them for broadcasting "CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER". Write on Legion stationery and ask them to make such public information programs a regular A.B.C. feature. Also suggest that former party members who have demonstrated their present loyalty to this country be invited on the air to tell what they know about the communist conspiracy. The Gitlows, Budenz', Whittaker Chambers', and others who have important facts to present to uninformed Americans are not being used enough in the battle.

Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., has just completed a Spring series of eight lectures on "Sovietism as a Philosophy and Technique." Outstanding experts like Alexander Kerensky, Rev. Edmund Walsh, William C. Bullitt, James Burnham, and others spoke. Average attendance was well over 500. Has your local or state university or college planned any similar public information lectures for the Fall? If not, now is the time to go to work on them.

Department Conventions. Every Department convention this year, in view of the sharpening cold war and Korea crisis, should have at least one top-notch authority on world communism or American communism on its speakers' list. By this we mean an authority with something of importance to say — not a Fourth of July orator or political windbag. A recommended speakers and lecturers list can be secured from the Americanism Division, National Headquarters, Indianapolis. Is your Department convention distributing any printed material on subversive activities and how to combat communism to its delegates? IF NOT, WHY NOT? Kits of government material can be assembled for as little as fifty cents or a dollar, depending on the number of pieces inclosed, unit cost of the material and how much gratis material is secured. You can't win the cold war against communism by more and better drum and bugle corps, desirable as they may be.

The Kenosha Plan. Easiest and cheapest means of organizing a good community counter-subversive program is that recently and successfully used in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Fifty or more local organizations were approached with the suggestion that the community hold an "All-American" night and have some outstanding authority on communism come to Kenosha and address the community. Contributions up to \$10.00 were accepted from every participating organization to cover speaker's honorarium and incidental expenses. The Fraternal Order of Eagles gave the use of their hall gratis. Benjamin Gitlow was invited to make the key address. Despite a torrential downpour, the affair was a tremendous success with a turnout of more than 900. What Louis Becker and his associates did at Kenosha can be done by any Legionnaire in the United States. Let's have Kenosha plan meetings all over this country starting this Fall. Or, for that matter, this summer — the cold war knows no seasons or vacations.

The Christianform. A relatively new organization with a new approach to the broad problem of subversion, The Christianform, has been started within the past six months. To forestall further inquiries to the National Americanism Commission, we are in a position to say that this group has been founded and is directed by veterans well and favorably known to this Division. It will be incorporated and the list of official sponsors and officers published shortly. In brief, it is based upon the principle that communism is a complete philosophy or way of life and as such can only be overcome and finally destroyed by a greater and more complete philosophy or way of life, a true one, actively practiced by those who believe in it, and that this is a belief in Christianity and not just democracy. Further information can be obtained by writing The Christianform, 1740 K. Street, N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

Important Note. The National Americanism Commission would like to secure the voluntary services of competent observers in certain cities such as Detroit, New York, Philadelphia, and a few other large cities to cover communist front meetings and to render short, factual reports on such meetings and rallies for inclusion in this Summary.

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#### BOOK REVIEW

If You Were Born In Russia -- Arthur Goodfriend; Farrar, Straus & Co.  
Illustrated, 192 pp. \$5.00

This is not a book that can be recommended as either reliable or even interesting reading. If You Were Born In Russia is an earnest attempt to portray for Americans the life of a Soviet citizen from birth through childhood and adulthood to death. Much interesting information and data on every phase and aspect of Soviet personal life -- sex, religion, growing up,

etc., — are furnished with abundant illustrations. The pictures are mostly from official Soviet sources.

The book, however, is unreliable since it is not based on personal observation and study, or even from former inmates of the "greatest concentration camp in the world .... the U.S.S.R." There is not even a hint of the vast system of Soviet slave labor camps so ably documented in Dallin and Nicolaevsky's Forced Labor in Soviet Russia, as well as Gliksman's Tell The West, or Petrov's two excellent books, Soviet Gold, and My Retreat From Russia. Nor is there a word of that great and sinister state within a state with its own army and industrial system, the dread M.V.D. or former O.G.P.U., the real ruler of Russia.

Moreover, Goodfriend failed to consider in his story of the Soviet citizen, the influence and impact of communism as a philosophy, as an ideology, and as a pseudo but dynamic religion. Hence, while the reader learns what the Soviet citizen does, the reader does not learn what the Soviet citizen is and what state forces operate on him to make him what he is. While this book lists masses of uninterpreted information and quotations, it does prove to be a bit misleading to readers who know little of Russia and communism as a way of life. Life, whether Soviet or American, cannot be reliably synthetized into two hundred pages of print.

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IMPORTANT NOTE. A complete report of the whole Senator McCarthy vs State Department imbroglio and the Tydings Investigating Committee is now in preparation and will be released as soon as the Tydings Committee "interim" report is available.

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I have been informed by National Adjutant of the American Legion Henry C. Dudley that the Legion's National Americanism Commission will meet on October 7th and 8th and that the National Convention of the Legion will run from October 9th to 12th, inclusive, at Los Angeles, California.

ADDENDUM - August 31, 1950

LRP:DC

I would suggest that Mr. Pennington be designated to attend the above convention of the American Legion especially in view of the Bureau's pending American Legion program.

D. M. Ladd

I concur

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